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Potatoes USA Board Members Sworn In During 2017 Annual Meeting



DENVER (March 22, 2017)— Potatoes USA Board Members were sworn in during its Annual Meeting held in Denver CO, March 13-16. Of those sworn in, there were 20 new producers and two new importers as well as 16 producers and one importer who were sworn into their second three-year term. The members were sworn in by USDA Representative Hakim Fobia. All Board Members are elected by the potato producers in their states then confirmed and appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture.

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Members are elected as representatives of their respective states to serve on the Board. They can serve two 3-year terms by being re-nominated after completion of their first term. The number of producers per state is determined by production volumes provided by USDA at the beginning of each calendar year.

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The following lists the new Board Members as well as the re-nominated Board Members appointed to serve for the next three years:



NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Jim Allen (Alliance, NE)
Erin Baginski (Antigo, WI)
Kyle Barclay (Kennewick, WA)
Melissa Bedlington-Kleindel
(Lynden, WA)
Jennifer Borowicz (Crookston, MN)
Melva Calloway (Quincy, WA)
Tom Enander (Grenora, ND)
Tim Gonzalez (Amherst, TX)
Jaclyn Green (Bakersfield, CA)
Aaron Hepworth (Burley, ID)
Bryan Jones (St. Augustine, FL)
Travis Meacham (Moses Lake, WA)
Marty Myers (Boardman, OR)
Shelley Olsen (Othello, WA)
Sheldon Rockey (Center, CO)
Kevin Searle (Shelley, ID)
LaVel Stoker (Burley, ID)
Chad Sullivan (Pasco, WA)
Tyler, Tschirky (Pasco, WA)
Keith Wolter (Antigo, WA)

NEW IMPORTERS

Ed Barnhill (Clermont, FL)
Vernon Thomas (Centreville, NB)

RE-NOMINATED MEMBERS

Brandon Berce (At. Agatha, ME)
Bob Conger (Rexburg, ID)
Mark Finnesy (Plover, WI)
Katie Floming (Savanna, IL)
Gerald Greenwalt (Quincy, WA)
Kerry Heilig (Moses Lake, WA)
Casey Hoverson (Larimore, ND)
Kael Koompin (American Falls, ID)
Thomas Kress (American Falls, ID)
Jay LaJoie (Van Buren, ME)
Dwight Little (Newdale, ID)
Mike Madsen (Plymouth, WA)
Brandon Schaapman (Quincy, WA)
Eric Schroeder (Antigo, WI)
Bill Sheldon (Ray, ND)
Jerry Tominaga (Rupert, ID)

RE-NOMINATED IMPORTERS

Sanjiv Kakkar (Hamilton, NJ)

About Potatoes USA

Potatoes USA is the federally mandated marketing and promotion Board of the 2,500 commercial potato growers operating in the United States. For more information on Potatoes USA's mission to "Strengthen Demand for U.S. Potatoes" and the programs in place to do so, please visit PotatoesUSA.com/grower.

In an effort to enhance diversity on Marketing and Promotion Boards, USDA encourages women, younger growers, minorities, and people with disabilities to seek positions on the Boards.

