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TOBA NAMES OFFICERS AND FOUR NEW TRUSTEES TO BOARD

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. -- The Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association announced today the re-election of Dr. J. David Richardson as chairman of its Board of Trustees. Also joining Richardson on the Board of Trustees to serve three-year terms as new members are Greg Bensel, Robert Edwards, Jr., Tanya Gunther and Walker Hancock.

Re-elected to three-year terms were current trustees Price Bell Jr., Billy Koch and Mike Rogers.

"I want to welcome the new trustees to the board and look forward to working with them as well as the American Graded Stakes Committee on a year-end statistical analysis of various aspects of American graded races," said Dr. J. David Richardson. "Analytics have become an important part of most U.S. sports and it is the committee's intention to provide stakeholders with data that may be useful to the sport and business of U.S. racing and breeding."

Immediately following its annual members meeting, the TOBA Board of Trustees met to elect officers for the 1,800-member association. Officers named for 2018-2019 are: Dr. J. David Richardson, chairman, Everett Dobson, vice-chairman, Dan Metzger, president; David O'Farrell, secretary; and Brant Laue, treasurer.

The TOBA Board also approved the reappointments of Everett Dobson and J. Michael O'Farrell and the appointment of Walker Hancock to the American Graded Stakes Committee. Mr. Hancock succeeds Dr. Richardson who reached his term limit on the committee. The 2018-2019 committee is comprised of TOBA members Everett Dobson (chair), Barbara Banke, Reynolds Bell, Jr., Craig Bernick, Walker Hancock, and J. Michael O'Farrell and racing officials Kevin Greely (Indiana Grand), Rick Hammerle (Santa Anita Park), Ben Huffman (Churchill Downs and Keeneland), Martin Panza (NYRA) and Thomas Robbins (Del Mar).

TOBA, based in Lexington, Ky., was formed in 1961 and is a national trade organization of leading Thoroughbred breeders and owners. TOBA's mission is to improve the economics, integrity and pleasure of the sport on behalf of Thoroughbred owners and breeders. Projects managed by TOBA include the American Graded Stakes Committee, Claiming Crown, Ownership Seminars, Breeding, Conformation & Pedigree Clinics, TOBA Owners Concierge and the Sales Integrity Program. TOBA, in collaboration with The Jockey Club, has also created a free information resource called OwnerView to provide pertinent information to new, prospective and current Thoroughbred owners. TOBA provides international representation for U.S. owners and breeders on the International Grading and Race Planning Advisory Committee, International Cataloguing Standards Committee and International Breeders Federation. Thoroughbred Charities of America (TCA) is the charitable arm of TOBA. TOBA Media Properties, a subsidiary of TOBA, owns The Horse magazine, Eclipse Press and is co-owner of The Blood-Horse LLC. TOBA is represented on the board of directors of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association and the Racing Medication and Testing Consortium as founding members.

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