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TOBA NAMES OFFICERS AND 4 TRUSTEES TO BOARD

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. -- The Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association announced today the re-election of Peter Willmott as chairman of its Board of Trustees. Also joining Willmott on the Board of Trustees to serve three-year terms as new members are Everett Dobson, Eric Hamelback, Kevin Lavin and Kenneth Ramsey.

Re-elected to three-year terms were current trustees Bill Casner, Reiley McDonald, Garrett O'Rourke, Rosendo Parra, Daisy Phipps Pulito and Dr. J. David Richardson.

Immediately following its annual members meeting, the TOBA Board of Trustees met to elect officers for the 2,000-member association. Officers named for 2013-2014 are: Peter Willmott, chairman, Dr. J. David Richardson, vice-chairman; Dan Metzger, president; John Greely IV, secretary; and Michael McMahon, treasurer.

"I am flattered to be entrusted with the chairmanship of TOBA," said Peter Willmott. "We have a great group of people serving as trustees, managers, and employees and have much work to do to enhance the economics and integrity of our great sport. We're proud to serve our many owners and breeders."

The TOBA Board also approved the appointment of Reynolds Bell, Jr. and Michael Levy to the American Graded Stakes Committee. The 2013-2014 committee is comprised of TOBA members Dr. J. David Richardson (chair), Reynolds Bell, Jr., Seth Hancock, Michael Levy, J. Michael O'Farrell and Peter Willmott and racing officials Rogers Beasley (Keeneland), P.J. Campo (NYRA), Allison DeLuca (Tampa Bay Downs), Michael Dempsey (Monmouth Park) and Rick Hammerle (Santa Anita Park).

TOBA, based in Lexington, Ky., was formed in 1961 and is a national trade organization leading Thoroughbred horse 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, Sales Integrity Program and Claiming Crown. TOBA provides international representation through seats on the International Race Planning and Advisory Committee, International Catalogue Standards Committee and International Breeders Federation. Thoroughbred Charities of America is the charitable arm of TOBA. TOBA is the owner of The Blood-Horse, Inc., and is represented on the Board of Directors of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association as a founding member. More information on TOBA appears on www.toba.org.

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