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TERRY BOEHM ELECTED NFU PRESIDENT AT 40th NATIONAL CONVENTION

Terry Boehm of Allan, Saskatchewan, is the new President of the National Farmers Union (NFU). Boehm was elected at the NFU 40th national convention in Ottawa earlier this week. Boehm, who has served for several years as NFU Vice-President, faced an electoral challenge from Jean-Eudes Chiasson of Rogersville, New Brunswick for the post. Boehm succeeds Stewart Wells, who stepped down as NFU President after 8 years at the helm of the national family farm organization.

Dave Lewington of Lavigne, Ontario was elected 1st Vice-President of the NFU in an election that saw three candidates vying for the position, and which required two ballots to determine the result. Colleen Ross of Iroquois, Ontario and Jean-Eudes Chiasson of Rogersville, NB were the other candidates in the election.

Don Mills of Granton, Ontario, is the NFU 2nd Vice-President. Mills was acclaimed to the position, which will oversee the operations and finances of the organization. A constitutional amendment was passed at this NFU convention which added the post of 2nd Vice-President.

Joan Brady of Dashwood, Ontario, was acclaimed as NFU Women's President.

Kalissa Regier of Laird, Saskatchewan, was elected by acclamation as NFU Youth President. She previously served two terms as NFU Youth Vice-President.

Kathleen Charpentier of Castor, Alberta, was chosen as the NFU Women's Vice-President.

Cammie Harbottle of Tatamagouche, Nova Scotia was elected by acclamation as NFU Youth Vice-President.

The NFU was founded in 1969. It is a non-partisan, democratic, direct-membership family farm organization. It is the only farm organization in Canada incorporated under a special Act of Parliament.

The NFU Convention saw debate on about three dozen policy resolutions, and provided a forum for a number of keynote speakers. A highlight of the convention was the unveiling of the Campaign for New Farmers, an initiative launched by the NFU Youth.

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