

Associations Welcome New Board Members; IICA Elects New Secretary

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Rich Draper, CEO, The Ice Cream Club, Inc., was elected secretary of the International Ice Cream Association.

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(Washington, D.C. – October 8, 2014) During the fall board meetings held last week, the International Dairy Foods Association (IDFA) and its three constituent organizations – the Milk Industry Foundation (MIF), the National Cheese Institute (NCI) and the International Ice Cream Association (IICA) – named 15 new board members. Also, Rich Draper, CEO of The Ice Cream Club, Inc., was elected secretary of IICA.

Continuing to lead each association for the next year will be IDFA Chair Patricia Stroup, Head of Procurement, Commodities, CPCC AOA, Nestlé Singapore,; IDFA Vice Chair and IICA Chair Mike Wells, President and Chief Executive Officer, Wells Enterprises, Inc.; IDFA Secretary and NCI Chair Mike Reidy, Senior Vice President, Corporate Affairs, Leprino Foods Company; and IDFA Treasurer and MIF Chair Jeff Kaneb, Executive Vice President, HP Hood LLC.

The new MIF board members are:

- Tim Kelly, Senior Vice President and General Manager, Shamrock Food Company;
- Brian Kennell, CEO and President, USA and Canada, Tetra Pak Inc.;
- Greg Meador, President, Plains Dairy, L.L.C.;
- Andrei Mikhalevsky, President and CEO, California Dairies, Inc.;
- John Rooney, President and CEO, Evergreen Packaging; and
- Tim Walls, Senior Vice President, Operations, Schreiber Foods, Inc.

The new NCI board members are:

- Michael Doyle, President and Chief Executive Officer, Foremost Farms USA;
- Lance Fitzsimmons, SVP-CFO, Leprino Foods Company;
- Rita Keskinyan, Managing Director, Mergers and Acquisitions, Rabobank – New York;
- Rick Pedersen, Vice President, Sales, Fonterra (USA) Inc.; and
- Renee Peets, Senior Director, Cheese and Dairy Procurement, Kraft Foods Group, Inc.

The new IICA board members are:

- Betsy Erdelyi, Managing Director, BMO Harris Bank;
- Kirk Heissel, Chief Operating Officer, Talenti Gelato;
- Chris Olsen, Vice President, Community and Government Relations-Americas, Tate and Lyle Custom Ingredients, L.L.C.; and
- Jeff Stephens, Vice President, Manufacturing, Publix Super Markets, Inc.

"IDFA is extremely grateful for the industry professionals who serve as officers and directors. They provide our organization with a strong foundation and contribute a wealth of wisdom and energy," said Connie Tipton, IDFA President and CEO. "We appreciate the time and talents that these volunteer leaders regularly give to IDFA and the dairy industry overall."

The full roster of officers and directors for IDFA, MIF, NCI and IICA is listed below.

2014-2015 International Dairy Foods Association Officers

Chair: Patricia Stroup, Head of Procurement, Commodities, CPCC AOA, Nestlé Singapore

Vice Chair: Mike Wells, President and Chief Executive Officer, Wells Enterprises, Inc.

Secretary: Mike Reidy, Senior Vice President, Corporate Affairs, Leprino Foods Company

Treasurer: Jeff Kaneb, Executive Vice President, HP Hood LLC

2014-2015 Milk Industry Foundation Officers

Chair: Jeff Kaneb, Executive Vice President, HP Hood LLC

Vice Chair: Gregg Tanner, Chief Executive Officer, Dean Foods Company

Secretary: David Nelsen, Vice President, Manufacturing, Safeway Inc.

Treasurer: Carmine Catalana IV, President, Cumberland Dairy Inc.

2014-2015 National Cheese Institute Officers

Chair: Mike Reidy, Senior Vice President, Corporate Affairs, Leprino Foods Company

Vice Chair: Ron Dunford, President & COO, Operations, Schreiber Foods, Inc.

Secretary: Doug Simon, President, USA Cheese Business Unit, Agropur Inc.

Treasurer: Jeff Giffin, President & CEO, Masters Gallery Foods, Incorporated

2014-2015 International Ice Cream Association Officers

Chair: Mike Wells, President and Chief Executive Officer, Wells Enterprises, Inc.

Vice Chair: Rachel Kylo, Senior Vice President, Sales and Marketing, Kemps LLC

Secretary: Rich Draper, Chief Executive Officer, The Ice Cream Club, Inc.

Treasurer: Alan Thomsen, President, Schoep's Ice Cream Co., Inc.

IDFA Board of Directors

Representing MIF

Jay Bryant, Chief Executive Officer, Maryland and Virginia Milk Producers Cooperative Association, Inc.

Philippe Caradec, Vice President, Corporate Affairs, The Dannon Company, Inc.

Carmine Catalana IV, President, Cumberland Dairy Inc.

Tim Galloway, CEO, Galloway Company

Andrei Mikhalevsky, President and CEO, California Dairies, Inc.

Ed Mullins, Executive Vice President & CEO, Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc.

David Nelsen, Vice President, Manufacturing, Safeway Inc.

Erin Sharp, Group Vice President, Manufacturing, The Kroger Co.

Gregg Tanner, Chief Executive Officer, Dean Foods Company

Nicholas Alfano, General Manager, Food & Beverage, North America, Ecolab Inc.

Representing NCI

John Breeden, Vice President, Sub-Regional Sales-Canada and Inside Sales, Customer Care & Customer Service, DuPont™ Danisco®

Terry Brockman, President & COO, U.S. Division, Saputo Cheese USA Inc.

Jon Davis, President and CEO, Davisco Foods International, Inc.

Ron Dunford, President & COO, Operations, Schreiber Foods, Inc.

Howard Friedman, President, Cheese & Dairy BU, Kraft Foods Group, Inc.

Lou Gentine, Chairman, Sargento Foods Inc.

Jeff Giffin, President & CEO, Masters Gallery Foods, Incorporated

Brian Phelan, Executive Director – Group Development & Global Cheese, Glanbia plc

Doug Simon, President, USA Cheese Business Unit, Agropur Inc.

Gary Vanic, President & CEO, Great Lakes Cheese Co., Inc.

Representing IICA

Bennie Brigham, Chairman of the Board, Pecan Deluxe Candy Company

Rich Draper, Chief Executive Officer, The Ice Cream Club, Inc.

Timothy Hopkins, Executive Vice President – Retail and Manufacturing, Friendly Ice Cream, LLC

Paul Kruse, Chairman and CEO, Blue Bell Creameries, L.P.

Rachel Kylo, Senior Vice President, Sales and Marketing, Kemps LLC

Corrinne Colombo Reed, Vice President, Dairy Products, International Dairy Queen, Inc.

Bill Reilly, Vice President, Strategic Sourcing and Material Sources, The Schwan Food Company

Steve Schmid, President, Dairy Enterprises Inc.

Patricia Stroup, Head of Procurement, Commodities, CPCC AOA, Nestlé Singapore

Alan Thomsen, President, Schoep's Ice Cream Co., Inc.

MIF Board of Directors

Advisory Committee

Miriam Erickson Brown, President & CEO, Anderson Erickson Dairy Company

James Erickson, Chairman, Anderson Erickson Dairy Company

Ed Mullins, Executive Vice President & CEO, Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc.

Mike Nosewicz, VP Operations/Network Optimization/Fresh Dairy CCE, The Kroger Co.

New Members

Tim Kelly, Senior Vice President & General Manager, Shamrock Food Company

Brian Kennell, CEO & President, USA & Canada, Tetra Pak Inc.

Greg Meador, President, Plains Dairy, L.L.C.

Andrei Mikhalevsky, President and CEO, California Dairies, Inc.

John Rooney, President & CEO, Evergreen Packaging

Tim Walls, Senior Vice President, Operations, Schreiber Foods, Inc.

Re-elected Members (Term Expiring in 2017)

Alan Bernon, Senior Advisor and President, Affiliate Division, Dairy Farmers of America, Inc.

Carmine Catalana IV, President, Cumberland Dairy Inc.

Kyle O'Brien, Executive Vice President, Sales, Chobani, Inc.

Joe Oberweis, President & CEO, Oberweis Dairy, Inc.

Richard Shehadey, Chairman & CEO, Producers Dairy Foods, Inc.

Patricia Stroup, Head of Procurement, Commodities, CPCC AOA, Nestlé Singapore

Jerry Tidwell, Senior Vice President, Supply Operations, Safeway Inc.

Members (Term Expiring in 2016)

Jay Bryant, Chief Executive Officer, Maryland and Virginia Milk Producers Cooperative Association, Inc.

Martin Devine, Executive Vice President/Chief Commercial Officer, Dean Foods Company

John Ginascol, Vice President, Nutrition Supply Chain, Abbott Nutrition

Lynette Krampf, QRO Director, Yoplait-USA, General Mills, Inc.

Renee Peets, Senior Director, Cheese & Dairy Procurement, Kraft Foods Group, Inc.

Doug Simon, President, USA Cheese Business Unit, Agropur Inc.

Larry Webster, CEO, Upstate Niagara Cooperative, Inc.

Members (Term Expiring in 2015)

John Bedrosian, Vice President, Manufacturing Division, Unified Grocers, Inc.

Philippe Caradec, Vice President, Corporate Affairs, The Dannon Company, Inc.

Tim Galloway, CEO, Galloway Company

Don Merrigan, President, Readington Farms, Inc.

Erin Sharp, Group Vice President, Manufacturing, The Kroger Co.

NCI Board of Directors

Advisory Committee

George Cornell, Vice President, Industry Relations, Pacific Cheese Co., Inc.

Jon Davis, President and CEO, Davisco Foods International, Inc.

Lou Gentine, Chairman, Sargento Foods Inc.

John Jeter, President & CEO, Hilmar Cheese Company, Inc.

Gary Vanic, President & CEO, Great Lakes Cheese Co., Inc.

New Members

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Lance Fitzsimmons, SVP-CFO, Leprino Foods Company

Rita Keskinyan, Managing Director, Mergers and Acquisitions, Rabobank – New York

Rick Pedersen, Vice President, Sales, Fonterra (USA) Inc.

Renee Peets, Senior Director, Cheese & Dairy Procurement, Kraft Foods Group, Inc.

Re-elected Members (Term Expiring in 2017)

Mark Anderson, President, Crystal Farms

Terry Brockman, President & COO, U.S. Division, Saputo Cheese USA Inc.

Jeff Giffin, President & CEO, Masters Gallery Foods, Incorporated

Mark Korsmeyer, Executive Vice President, Dairy Farmers of America, Inc.

Jim Lehman, General Manager, Pace Dairy of Minnesota/The Kroger Co.

Brian Phelan, Executive Director – Group Development & Global Cheese, Glanbia plc

Jim Sartori, CEO, Sartori Company

Dan Zastoupil, President, Marathon Cheese Corporation

Members (Term Expiring in 2016)

David Ahlem, Chief Operating Officer, Hilmar Cheese Company, Inc.

Rob Byrne, Ph.D., Director, Industry & Regulatory Affairs, Schreiber Foods, Inc.

Mark Davis, Chairman of the Board, Davisco Foods International, Inc.

John Fridirici, Vice President, Milk Marketing & Procurement, Grande Cheese Company

Mark G. Leddy, CEO, Valley Queen Cheese Factory, Inc.

Jeffrey O. Williams, President & CEO, Glanbia Foods Inc.

Members (Term Expiring in 2015)

Dermot Carey, Senior Vice President, Ingredients Division, Darigold, Inc.

Greg Dryer, Senior Vice President - Industry and Government Relations, Saputo Cheese USA Inc.

Louie Gentine, CEO, Sargento Foods Inc.

Tom Hedge, Senior Vice President, Technologies, Schreiber Foods, Inc.

Thomas Murphy, President, Brewster Dairy, Inc.

Mike Neu, Senior Vice President, Cultures & Enzymes, Chr. Hansen, Inc.

Doug Simon, President, USA Cheese Business Unit, Agropur Inc.

Dr. Richard Stammer, President/CEO-Cabot; CEO-Agri-Mark, Agri-Mark, Inc.

IICA Board of Directors

Advisory Committee

Brian Perry, Executive Vice President/Vice Chairman, Perry's Ice Cream Company, Inc.

Paul Kruse, Chairman and CEO, Blue Bell Creameries, L.P.

Patricia Stroup, Head of Procurement, Commodities, CPCC AOA, Nestlé Singapore

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Jeff Stephens, Vice President, Manufacturing, Publix Super Markets, Inc.

Re-elected Members (Term Expiring in 2017)

Randall Dei, Director - Dairy Industry, Safeway Inc. Ice Cream Department

Rich Draper, Chief Executive Officer, The Ice Cream Club, Inc.

Ed Hinson, Vice President-Large Format, McDonald's and Ice Cream, Dean Foods Company

Timothy Hopkins, Executive Vice President – Retail & Manufacturing, Friendly Ice Cream, LLC

Curt Jones, Founder and CEO, Dippin' Dots LLC

Members (Term Expiring in 2016)

Gary Aggus, President and General Manager, Hiland Dairy Foods Co., LLC

Philippe Caradec, Vice President, Corporate Affairs, The Dannon Company, Inc.

John Cox, President, Turkey Hill Dairy, Inc.

Bob McCullough, Senior Vice President, Manufacturing, H-E-B

Laraine Miller, Brand Development Director, Breyers & Popsicle, Unilever Ice Cream – N.A.

Ed Mullins, Executive Vice President & CEO, Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc.

Corrinne Colombo Reed, Vice President, Dairy Products, International Dairy Queen, Inc.

Bill Reilly, Vice President, Strategic Sourcing and Material Solutions, The Schwan Food Company

Members (Term Expiring in 2015)

Luconda Dager, President, Velvet Ice Cream Company, Inc.

Carl Evans, Director of Operations–Manufacturing, Frozen Dairy, The Kroger Co.

Lou Galliker, Chairman & President, Galliker Dairy Company

Rachel Kylo, Senior Vice President, Sales and Marketing, Kemps LLC

Dwight Moore, Vice President, Hunter Farms

Randy Rich, President, Rich Ice Cream Company

Shelley Roth, President, Pierre's Ice Cream Company

Steve Schmid, President, Dairy Enterprises Inc.

Alan Thomsen, President, Schoep's Ice Cream Co., Inc.

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The International Dairy Foods Association (IDFA), Washington, D.C, represents the nation's dairy manufacturing and marketing industries and their suppliers, with a membership of 550 companies within a \$125-billion a year industry. IDFA is composed of three constituent organizations: the Milk Industry Foundation (MIF), the National Cheese Institute (NCI) and the International Ice Cream Association (IICA). IDFA's nearly 200 dairy processing members run nearly 600 plant operations, and range from large multi-national organizations to single-plant companies. Together they represent more than 85 percent of the milk, cultured products, cheese, ice cream and frozen desserts produced and marketed in the United States.