

GAY LEA FOODS CO-OPERATIVE LIMITED

REPORT: AGM 2017

Gay Lea Foods celebrated 2016 as a "banner year" at its 2017 Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Mississauga, Ontario, on January 24th.

Highlighted achievements included record sales and profitability, the opening of membership to dairy goat producers, the launch of innovative aged goat cheddar cheeses, and the purchase of Black River Cheese and Stirling Creamery.

As part of the Gay Lea Foods' co-operative structure, producer-members hold elections for the Directors and delegates who will represent them in the affairs of the business. There is currently a Board of ten elected Directors, with an option for up to two appointed Outside Directors. Each year, a number of Directors are eligible for re-election. Michael Barrett, as President & CEO, reports to the Board of Directors.

Election results from the Gay Lea Foods 2017 AGM are as follows:

- **Jennifer Woodhouse** (Clarksburg, Ont.) was elected as a Director at Large for a three-year term.

- Delegates also ratified the appointment of **Meredith Miller – Delichte** (St. Alphonse, Manitoba) as an Outside Director for a two-year term.

A three-member Executive Committee was appointed at a Board Meeting held following the AGM. The 2017 Gay Lea Foods Executive Committee is as follows:

- **Chair: Steve Dolson**
Steve Dolson was appointed to a second consecutive term as Chair of the Board of Directors.
- **Vice Chair: Rob Goodwill**
Rob Goodwill was also appointed to a second consecutive term as Vice-Chair of the Board.
- **Executive Member: Marie McNabb**
Director Marie McNabb was appointed to her first term on the Board Executive.

A number of Director elections were completed at the Zone Annual meetings held across

Ontario in November and December 2016. The results of those elections are as follows:

- **Zone 1 – Roger Boersen** of Gadshill, Ontario was elected to a three-year term as Director.
- **Zone 3 – Mark Hamel** of Elmwood, Ontario was acclaimed for a fifth term as Director.
- **Zone 4 – Chris Johnson** of Chesterville, Ontario was acclaimed for a second term as Director.

Gay Lea Foods congratulates these individuals on their recent appointment and/or election.



Ove Hansen
Corporate Secretary
Gay Lea Foods



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