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TO THE MEMBERS OF HOLSTEIN ASSOCIATION USA, INC.

You are hereby notified that the 132nd Annual Meeting of Holstein Association USA, Inc., will be held June 30-July 1, 2017, during the National Holstein Convention at the Hyatt Regency Bellevue, 900 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue, WA 98004, commencing at 9 a.m., June 30, 2017, local time. The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers and directors and to transact any other business that may properly come before the organization.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE BYLAWS

A. PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE BYLAWS

by President Gordie Cook on behalf of the Board of Directors

COMMENT: As genomic testing has been adopted worldwide, Holstein Association USA has facilitated testing of Holsteins in many other countries. The international Holsteins tested are predominantly from North American genetics, the result of exported semen and/or embryos. The owners of Holsteins in countries without an approved herdbook sometimes wish to register these animals with Holstein Association USA, Inc. The bylaws currently limit registration of international animals to those "officially identified in an approved herdbook," relying on the foreign herdbook's rules and procedures to ensure accurate identification. Now, given the ease and accuracy of genomic testing to validate parentage, accurate identification can be assured for tested animals in any country.

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ARTICLE IV, SECTION 5 International Entry

Animals located in or imported from countries other than the United States and Canada ~~and officially identified in an approved herdbook~~ are eligible for entry into the herdbook of Holstein Association USA, Inc., subject to terms and conditions set forth herein and subject to the approval of the Executive Secretary.

AT THIS, THE 132ND ANNUAL MEETING, THERE SHALL BE ELECTED A PRESIDENT FOR A TERM OF TWO (2) YEARS, A VICE PRESIDENT FOR A TERM OF TWO (2) YEARS, AND FOUR (4) DIRECTORS, EACH FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS.

The President will be elected for a term of two (2) years

DECLARED CANDIDATE: Boyd Schaufelberger Greenville, Illinois

The Vice President will be elected for a term of two (2) years

DECLARED CANDIDATES: John Bierbaum Mantorville, Minnesota
Jim Burdette Mercersburg, Pennsylvania
Corey Geiger Mukwonago, Wisconsin

Three (3) Directors, one each in Regions 2, 3 and 7, will be elected for a term of three (3) years.

DECLARED CANDIDATES: John Burket East Freedom, Pennsylvania Region 2
Steve Moff Columbiana, Ohio Region 3
Jerry Smith Davis, Illinois Region 3
Dwight Rokey Sabetha, Kansas Region 7
Larry Wright Verona, Missouri Region 7

One (1) Director At-Large will be elected for a term of three (3) years.

DECLARED CANDIDATE: Dale Drendel Hampshire, Illinois

Directors ineligible for re-election under Article II, Section 1(c) of the Association's Bylaws:

Gordie Cook Hadley, Massachusetts
Roy Buessing Axtell, Kansas
Mike Jones Marshall, Indiana

Brattleboro, Vermont
May 22, 2017

John M. Meyer
Executive Secretary



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