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American Gelbvieh Association Elects New Leadership

The American Gelbvieh Association (AGA) elected new directors and officers during its 2008 National Convention and Annual Meeting in Denver, Colo. With the theme of "All Aboard...The M&M Railroad", AGA members from across the nation gathered for committee meetings and election of new directors.

Vaughn Thorstenson of Selby, S.D., was elected to lead the American Gelbvieh Association Board of Directors as President for 2008. Thorstenson co-owns and operates Thorstenson Gelbvieh and Angus.

Al Knapp of Bonner Springs, Kan., was elected as AGA Vice President. Knapp owns Triple K Gelbvieh. Knapp was re-elected at this convention to serve a second three-year term.

Elected to serve a third year in their respective offices were Sam Castleberry and Skyler Martin. Sam Castleberry, Castroville, Texas, will continue to serve as AGA Secretary. Castleberry operates an embryo transfer service, in addition to his purebred cattle operation, South Texas Gelbvieh. Skyler Martin of Oregon, Ill., will serve as AGA Treasurer. Martin owns Blackhawk Cattle Company and works with his wife's family operation, Nordman Feedlots.

Elected to new three-year terms were Ken Flikkema of Bozeman, Mont.; Jerry Grund of Wallace, Kan., and John Huston of Starkville, Miss. Re-elected for a second three-year term was Randy Gallaway of Mulhall, Okla. Flikkema and his wife, Nancy, own and operate Middle Creek Farms. Grund co-owns and operates Grund Beef Genetics. Huston is finishing a doctorate in Veterinary Science from Mississippi State University and serves as president of the Mississippi Gelbvieh Association. Gallaway, in addition to his work at Ditch Witch in Perry, Okla., owns Gallaway Gelbvieh with his wife, Pam.

Other individuals serving as directors include: Steve Arp, Arlington, Wisc.; Jim Beastron, Pierre, S.D.; Mark Goes, Odell, Neb.; Dick Helms, Arapahoe, Neb.; David Judd, Pomona, Kan.; Ed Kalianoff, Steele, N.D.; and Nancy Wilkinson, Model, Colo.

The AGA Board of Directors makes the policies and sets the direction of the American Gelbvieh Association with input from the membership through a well-developed committee system. The American Gelbvieh Association represents 1,500 members nationwide. For more information on Gelbvieh programs visit the website at www.gelbvieh.org.

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Photo Caption:

The American Gelbvieh Association elected new leadership and directors at its 2008 National Convention in Denver, Colo. Seated from left: Nancy Wilkinson, Colorado; Skyler Martin, Illinois, Treasurer; Sam Castleberry, Texas, Secretary; Vaughn Thorstenson, South Dakota, President; Al Knapp, Kansas, Vice President; Wayne Vanderwert, AGA Executive Director; and Ed Kalianoff, North Dakota. Standing from left: Mark Goes, Nebraska; Randy Gallaway, Oklahoma; John Huston, Mississippi; David Judd, Kansas; Jim Beastron, South Dakota; Dick Helms, Nebraska; Steve Arp, Wisconsin; Ken Flikkema, Montana; and Jerry Grund, Kansas.

