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National Hardwood Lumber Association Board of Managers Elects New Leadership

MEMPHIS, TENN. – The National Hardwood Lumber Association elected two new officers and eight new board members during the 2016 NHLA Annual Convention & Exhibit Showcase in Washington, DC. The new members were sworn in on October 7, 2016 during the Friday Business Session.

Brent Stief of Huron Forest Products, Inc. in Alliston, Ontario was elected to serve as president of NHLA. Darwin Murray of McClain Forest Products in West Plains, Missouri will serve as NHLA vice president.

The eight new board members include: Price Brashear of Dakota Premium Hardwoods; Luke Brogger of Quality Hardwoods, Inc.; Rob Cabral of Upper Canada Forest Products; Damon Graf of Graf Brothers Flooring and Lumber; Bruce Horner of Abenaki Timber Corp.; Joe Pryor of Oaks Unlimited; John Syre of Cascade Hardwood Group; and Stephanie VanDystadt of DV Hardwoods, Inc.

"I am excited to be working with such a dedicated group of industry professionals. I am looking forward to the perspective they will bring to our upcoming Board meeting in November," said Lorna D. Christie, NHLA Executive Director.

Each new volunteer board member will serve a three-year appointment term, with a maximum of two consecutive three-year terms. The NHLA board of managers determines and holds the Association to its mission and goals; establish standing policies to guide the board and staff; insure financial solvency and integrity and help represent the Association externally.

The world's largest and oldest hardwood industry association, NHLA represents more than 1,200 companies and individuals that produce, use and sell North American hardwood lumber, or provide equipment, supplies or services to the hardwood industry. It was founded in 1898 to establish a uniform system of grading rules for the measurement and inspection of hardwood lumber. Since 1980, its headquarters have been in Memphis, Tenn. To learn more about NHLA, please visit www.nhla.com.

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