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ROAP Board Elects Officers for 2014-2016 Term; Participates at ARCI Conference

The Racing Officials Accreditation Program's (ROAP) board of directors elected its 2014-2016 officers during its April 10 board meeting held in Lexington, Ky. All elected officers were reappointed from their previous term.

Hugh Gallagher, ROAP accredited judge and consultant to the Massachusetts Gaming Commission, was re-elected chairman; Frank Lamb, executive director of the Idaho State Racing Commission, was re-elected vice chairman; Wendy Davis, associate coordinator of the University of Arizona's Race Track Industry Program, was re-elected secretary; and Kristin Leshney, legal associate for The Jockey Club, was re-elected treasurer.

"It has been a pleasure serving as chairman these past two years and I look forward to continuing to work with the ROAP board to further the education and professionalism of our accredited officials," said Chairman Gallagher.

During the meeting, the board approved joining the NTRA Advantage program, thus providing resources for participants in ROAP activities, approved a redesign and expansion of the current ROAP database, and revised the accreditation policy. The accreditation policy is available at horseracingofficials.com/default.asp?id=3.1.

Additionally, ROAP gave presentations during the ARCI Continuing Education Committee session at the ARCI Annual Conference. Dan Fick, ROAP board member and accredited steward, gave a thorough review of the 2014 Points of Emphasis, and Cathy O'Meara, ROAP coordinator, gave an overview of the ROAP programing. The presentations were well received and ROAP thanks ARCI for the opportunity to present to the executive directors and commissioners.

ROAP, which receives primary funding from The Jockey Club and is based in its Kentucky office, is a 501(c)(6) organization whose board of directors is made up of representatives from 18 industry organizations and eight at-large representatives. Stewards and judges receive their accreditation and continuing education credits through this program.

The website address for ROAP is horseracingofficials.com.