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Certified Horsemanship Association Announces New Executive Board for 2019

(September 2018) – The Certified Horsemanship Association (CHA) announced the 2019 Executive Board of Directors during the 2018 CHA International Conference. The 2019 Executive Board will consist of: **President** Tammi Gainer of Alliance, OH; **President Elect** Dr. Bob Coleman of Lexington, KY; **Vice President of Regional Relations** Jennifer Eaton of Groveland, MA; **Vice President of New Initiatives** Anne Brzezicki of Murfreesboro, TN; **Secretary** Elizabeth Duffy of Eatonton, GA; **Treasurer** Terry Williams of Blanchester, OH; and **Past President** Beth Powers of Bellefontaine, OH.

President Tammi Gainer is a CHA Clinic Instructor for the English/Western, Instructors of Riders with Disabilities (IRD), and vaulting certifications, while also being certified at Level 2 as a Trail Guide and Instructor. She is also a CHA Site Visitor. She has worked at Pegasus Farm Therapeutic Equestrian Center in Hartville, OH, since 1995 and was promoted to Equestrian Director in 2005. Since then, she has achieved Equine Specialist in Mental Health and Learning Certification through PATH International and has become an American Quarter Horse Association Professional Horseman. In 2000, she became a CHA Master Instructor and Clinic Instructor.

President-Elect Dr. Bob Coleman served as the first CHA Vice President of New Initiatives and is a CHA Site Visitor Trainer. Dr. Coleman has his PhD from the University of Alberta with a focus in Equine Nutrition, a Master of Science, and a bachelor's in Agriculture with a major in Animal Sciences from the University of Manitoba. He worked in the Canadian feed industry as a nutritionist for two major feed companies before becoming the extension horse specialist for Alberta Agriculture in 1980. In 1998, Dr. Coleman became the University of Kentucky's equine extension specialist. He also teaches in the Equine Science and Management program, advises undergraduate students, and served as the program's director of undergraduate studies until May 2017.

Vice President of Regional Relations Jennifer Eaton obtained her Massachusetts Instructors License in 1992. She has her bachelor's in Developmental Psychology. She joined the Interscholastic Equestrian Association in 2006 as a member coach, has been a regional president, zone chairperson, and is currently an IEA show steward. IEA hired Eaton in 2009

in the membership office to help coaches and parents with member enrollment and management of their competitions. She has assisted IEA with growth and resource development. In 2012, Eaton was promoted to membership marketing coordinator. She was given the Massachusetts Horseman's Council Person of the Year Award in 2014 for her contributions to the development of youth equestrian opportunities.

Vice President of New Initiatives Anne Brzezicki is recently retired from being the Director of Equestrian Programs and coach of the equestrian team at Middle Tennessee State University. Her background includes teaching at 4-H horse camps in Connecticut and Tennessee; competing in United States Equestrian Federation, Intercollegiate Horse Show Association, and AQHA shows; and coaching many youth, amateur, and IHSA national champions. She is a CHA Master Instructor and Clinician and has hosted CHA certification clinics. Brzezicki thoroughly enjoys working with other teachers in an atmosphere of shared enthusiasm, knowledge, and techniques. In 2015, she was named the CHA Instructor of the Year.

Secretary Elizabeth Duffy is the client development manager for Camp America, the largest provider of international staff for American summer camps. She recruits riding instructors for camps all over the country each year, ensuring their knowledge will be shared with thousands of kids who will improve their riding or discover their love of horses for the first time. Duffy grew up riding in Connecticut and then traveled and studied throughout Europe, South America, and Central America. Since joining Camp America in 2008, Duffy has spearheaded web design projects, organized recruitment events overseas for hundreds of camp professionals, and worked in conjunction with the Department of State to improve standards compliance for private sector exchange programs.

Treasurer Terry Williams is a CHA Clinic Instructor for the English/Western and the Equine Facility Manager certification, a CHA Site Visitor, and a CHA Certified Overnight Guide. She currently teaches clinics and private riding lessons while she incorporates her problem rider vs. problem horse techniques. Williams is also a past regional director for CHA Region 4, and is the chair of the CHA Research and Development Committee. She also was awarded the 2015 CHA Volunteer of the Year Award and the 2011 CHA Clinic Instructor of the Year Award. A registered nurse in Ohio, Williams has been involved in judging 4-H and open horse shows and managed competitive equestrian programs for camps, boarding facilities, and a Thoroughbred breeding and training facility.

Past President Beth Powers is a CHA Certified Instructor and a CHA Certified Overnight Guide, as well as a Site Visitor Trainer. She was the Equestrian Director for the Bar W Ranch

at YMCA Camp Willson in Bellefontaine where she oversaw a herd of more than 50 horses, a staff, and all of the lesson programs, trail rides, summer camps, and overnight events. Powers has been a presenter at the CHA International Conference and at CHA regional conferences, the American Youth Horse Council Symposium, and at Equine Affaire in Ohio. She has also been the keynoter at the Wisconsin State 4-H Conference and a Volunteer of the Year for CHA. Powers has been published in the American Camping Association magazine and *Stable Management* magazine. She is also an AQHA Professional Horseman.

To find out more about the CHA Board visit http://cha-ahse.org/store/pages/28/Board_Of_Directors.html.

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