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Certified Horsemanship Association Welcomes Two New Board Members and Returning Members for 2019

(October 2018) – The Certified Horsemanship Association (CHA) Board of Directors welcomed two new board members at the 2018 CHA International Conference, which was held September 28-30 at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, CO. The new board members include Teddy Franke with Camp Morrow in Pine Hollow, Oregon and Susan Garside with YMCA Camp Noah in Canal Fulton, Ohio.

Teddy Franke is a horse trainer, riding instructor, and farrier from North Central Oregon where he manages the horse program at Camp Morrow. Franke started with CHA as a student more than 25 years ago. He is now a CHA Certified Master Instructor, CHA Assistant Clinic Instructor, and a CHA Site Visitor. He holds certifications in CHA Instructors for Riders with Disabilities, Pack/Trail, and Equine Facility Management as well. He has helped to lead horse programs in three states, been a regional director in CHA Regions 1 and 11, served on the board for the American Youth Horse Council, and he operates a successful equine business called Franke Equine. The CHA mission to “change lives through safe horse experiences” has been a part of Franke’s life, and he hopes to continue those experiences for others.

“Having been a longtime member of CHA, and seeing it from all sides, my hope is that I can provide unique insight into some of the ‘day to day’ that students, instructors, and clinicians take part in,” said Franke. “I would like to be a voice and advocate for the grassroots folks who are out making things happen.”

Susan Garside has been involved in the horse industry for more than 40 years. She has been the Equestrian Director at Akron YMCA Camp Y Noah in Canal Fulton, OH, since 2008, which is also when she was certified as a Master Instructor and a CHA Assistant Clinic Instructor. She oversees all lesson programming, summer camps, group and public trail rides, birthday parties, and collaborates with the local schools and her city to introduce more people to horses. She is a graduate of Lake Erie College’s Equestrian Program and competed on an Intercollegiate Horse Show Association team. She has traveled around the country while horse camping and has participated in 4-H, U.S. Pony Club, dressage, jumping, rodeo, and western events.

“I am interested in CHA because of the integrity and safety consciousness of the organization,” said Garside. “It is something that helps to keep the horse industry in good standing with the public, the horse community, and the law. I am very interested in passing on the CHA standards to local colleges and the grassroots beginner instructors, 4-Hers, Pony Club, and anywhere else that CHA would be willing to go.”

CHA also welcomes the following returning board members: **Hayley Eberle**, National Reining Horse Association, Oklahoma City, OK; **Tara Gamble**, TG Horsemanship, Alberta Equestrian Federation, and Equine Canada, Tumbler Ridge, British Columbia, Canada; **Christine Gillett**, American Paint Horse Association, Fort Worth, TX; **Shellie Hensley**, H Mill Iron, Macksburg, IA; **Kathi Jogan**, University of Arkansas, West Fork, AR; **Beth Long**, New Day Northern Kentucky, Union, KY; **Amanda Love**, West Texas A&M University and the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association, Canyon, TX; **Katie Reynolds**, American Quarter Horse Association, Amarillo, TX; and **James Rickner**, Camp Chippewa, Ottawa, KS.

The CHA Executive Board consists of: **President Tammi Gainer**, Pegasus Farm and PATH International, Alliance, OH; **President Elect Dr. Bob Coleman**, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY; **Vice President of New Initiatives Anne Brzezicki**, Intercollegiate Horse Show Association, Murfreesboro, TN; **Vice President of Regional Relations Jennifer Eaton**, Interscholastic Equestrian Association, Groveland, MA; **Secretary Elizabeth Duffy**, Camp America, Eatonton, GA; **Treasurer Terry Williams**, Blanchester, OH; and **Past President Beth Powers**, YMCA and American Camp Association, Bellefontaine, OH.

CHA Instructors Change Lives Through Safe Experiences with Horses. The purpose of CHA is to promote excellence in safety and education for the benefit of the horse industry. CHA certifies instructors and trail guides, accredits equestrian facilities, publishes educational manuals, produces educational horsemanship DVDs and YouTube Safety shorts, and hosts regional and international conferences. For more information on the largest certifying body of riding instructors and barn managers in North America, Certified Horsemanship Association, please visit www.CHA.horse or call 859-259-3399. To find a certified horseback riding instructor or accredited equine facility near you, visit www.CHAINstructors.com.

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