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Certified Horsemanship Association Welcomes New President, Executive Committee and Board for 2015

(November 2014) – At the Certified Horsemanship Association International Conference in October in Kentucky, CHA had participants there from 3 provinces in Canada and over 25 states! At the annual meeting, this slate of officers was elected to lead CHA in the New Year. Welcome to the 2015 CHA Board of Directors! To find out more about the CHA Board visit http://cha-ahse.org/store/pages/28/Board_Of_Directors.html

Executive Committee:

President – Peggy Adams – PLA HorsePlay, LLC – Covington, Georgia

President Elect – Beth Powers – Bellefontaine, Ohio

Vice President – Anne Brzezicki - Middle Tennessee State University – Murfreesboro, Tennessee

Treasurer – Tammi Gainer – Pegasus Farm - Alliance, Ohio

Secretary – Julie Fischer – Girls Scouts of Colorado – Allenspark, Colorado

Immediate Past President – Ward Stutz – American Quarter Horse Association – Amarillo, Texas

Peggy Adams is a lifelong horse lover who recently retired from teaching and coaching riding at her own farm, PLA HorsePlay. Prior to operating her own riding academy, Peggy worked for close to 30 years with the Girl Scout organization in a variety of managerial positions. Peggy was instrumental in starting 3 large year round equine programs including fundraising, design and construction of facilities. Peggy wanted to make sure that quality experiences with horses were available to riders of all abilities and backgrounds. Peggy embraced the instructor certification program offered by CHA, requiring instructors under her supervision to become certified. She is currently part of the CHA Clinic Staff team. Peggy has been a member of the CHA board of directors for 8 years. Peggy and her husband, Bill, live in Georgia with their three dogs.

“It is my pleasure to serve as the president of the Certified Horsemanship Association,” says Peggy Adams. “CHA is an outstanding organization full of dedicated equine professionals and amazing staff who embrace changing lives through safe experiences with horses.”

Returning Board of Directors:

Dr. Bob Coleman – University of Kentucky – Lexington, Kentucky

Darla Rathwell – Freelance Equestrian Journalist - Hay Lakes, Alberta

Amanda Love – West Texas A&M University – Canyon, Texas

Terry Williams – Blanchester, Ohio

New to the Board:

Jim McGarvey – Back Country Horsemen of American Chairman – Calhoun, Georgia

“It is certainly an honor to be selected to the board of the Certified Horsemanship Association,” says Jim McGarvey. “CHA is one of the most important and consequential equine organizations in existence and I am looking forward to doing my part in building onto to its decades of ‘Changing Lives Through Safe Experiences with Horses.’ ”

CHA promotes excellence in safety and education for the benefit of the equine industry. CHA certifies instructors and trail guides, accredits equestrian facilities, publishes educational manuals, produces educational horsemanship DVDs and hosts regional and international conferences. For more information on the Certified Horsemanship Association, please visit www.CHA-ahse.org or call [859-259-3399](tel:859-259-3399). To find a certified horseback riding instructor or accredited equine facility near you visit www.CHAINstructors.com.

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