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Charting IFEEDER's Path Forward

Charting the path forward - that was the theme of the May meeting of the Institute for Feed Education and Research's Board of Trustees. They welcomed four new Board members and approved three new research projects for the upcoming year, as well as conducted other business.

The Board of Trustees approved, at the Research Committee's recommendation, three new research projects to launch this year. IFEEDER will update the [2016 U.S.](#)

[Animal Food Consumption study](#) to determine current feed production levels for the top nine livestock, poultry and aquaculture species. In addition, this research project will look at the impact that COVID-19 is having on the industry, providing economic scenarios of what the industry can expect moving forward into the new reality.

IFEEDER will also participate in a research project that looks at how the movement of feed, feed ingredients and dead animals can have in swine disease transmission utilizing a dynamic transmission model. IFEEDER's third project will focus on the area of sustainability with a first round request for proposal to define the scope of work, potential collaborators and potential projects. This project will be accomplished in partnership with American Feed Industry Association leadership and the AFIA Sustainability Oversight Committee.

The Trustees also voted to begin working on a new strategic plan that will ensure IFEEDER's work continues to meet the needs of the industry for the next three-to-five years. The Board members identified enhancing stakeholder engagement, better demonstrating the value of IFEEDER to AFIA members and identifying compelling projects that engage both members and new stakeholders as important areas to address. The efforts will be led by Board members Chad Risley, Ph.D., of



Tim Belstra of Belstra Milling Co. will serve as the 2020-21 chair of IFEEDER's Board of Trustees.

Berg+Schmidt America, LLC, and A. Wayne Rod of The F. L. Emmert Company with support from the IFEEDER Marketing and Education Committee.

New leadership inducted onto the Board of Trustees include Scott Druker of Church & Dwight Company, Inc.; Kevin Halpin, Ph.D., of International Ingredients Corporation; Steve Lerner, Ph.D., of Chr. Hansen Animal Health and Nutrition; and Joe Lucas of CJ Bio America, Inc.

In addition, Tim Belstra of Belstra Milling Co. assumed the role of chair of the Board of Trustees and Board member Mike Goble of Diamond V will serve as vice chair.



IFEEDER recognized retiring members of the Board of Trustees with a special edition print.

Remaining members of the Board not yet mentioned include Ed Galo of Novus International, Inc.; John Metzger of Elanco Animal Health; and Mark Leuking of Cargill Animal Nutrition.

IFEEDER also recognized retiring members of the Board of Trustees with a special edition print that represents the industry they serve. Retiring members include Cathy Bandyk, Ph.D., of AB Vista, Inc.; Bruce Crutcher of Micronutrients USA LLC; Ross Hamilton, Ph.D., of Darling Ingredients Inc.; and Dean Warras of Phibro Animal Health Corporation.

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