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The National Customs Brokers & Forwarders Association of America, Inc.

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NCBFAA Elects New Slate of Officers for 2016

Washington DC: During the Annual Meeting at its 42nd Annual Conference in Tucson, AZ, the National Customs Brokers & Forwarders Association of America, Inc. (NCBFAA) elected its new officers for 2016-17. They are:

- President Geoffrey C. Powell, COF, President, C. H. Powell Co., Linthicum, MD.
- Vice President Amy Magnus, Branch Office Manager, A.N. Deringer, Inc., Champlain, NY.
- Secretary William, S. App, J. W. Allen & Co., Inc., Kenner, LA
- Treasurer Scott Larson, Corporate Compliance Manager, MOL Logistics (USA) Inc., Elk Grove Village, IL

Mr. Powell is President of C.H. Powell Company. C.H. Powell Company was established by Geoffrey's grandfather, Charles, in 1919. C.H. Powell Company is an International Logistics Provider, Freight Forwarder and Customs Broker that is family owned and headquartered in Boston, Massachusetts, with 18 offices throughout the United States.

Formerly NCBFAA Secretary, Amy Magnus, Director of Customs Affairs and Compliance for A.N. Deringer, Inc., in Champlain, NY, is a licensed Customs Broker, Certified Customs Specialist, and Certified Export Specialist. She is the former President of the Northern Border Customs Brokers Association in addition to being an ACE Trade Ambassador working with the Trade Support Network.

William App began his career with J.W. Allen & Company shortly after graduating from St. Stanislaus College in 1961. Beginning his career as the office boy picking up and delivering documents to his present position as CEO, Billy learned and worked in every available position at J.W. Allen & Company, Company; from processing export documentation to overseeing the loading of break bulk vessels. After 37 years of working for J.W. Allen & Company, Mr. App became the owner of J.W. Allen & Company on November 1, 1998.

Treasurer Scott Larson began his career in international logistics in 1987 as an IBM computer mainframe support technician, RPG-II and Cobol programmer. Mr. Larson obtained his Customs Brokers License in 1991 and currently holds the position of Senior Vice President and Corporate Compliance Manager for MOL logistics (USA) Inc. He is responsible for all facets of import and export activity for MOL's U.S. and Canadian offices.

The New Board of Directors are as follows:

Area 1 - Karen Damon is Director of Import Compliance and Regulatory Affairs for Radix Group International, Inc. d/b/a DHL Global Forwarding. Previous to her current position, Karen had been involved with the DHL Global Forwarding customs brokerage product overseeing the Northern Border operations as a District Manager for the eastern border district. Karen is a Licensed Customs Broker and Certified Customs Specialist and has been involved in customs brokerage for over 23 years. She is a board member and Treasurer for the Northern Border Customs Broker's Association and member of the NCBFAA Large Broker and Forwarder Subcommittee. She is active with the NEI as the CCS committee chair and CCS case study work group lead.

Area 3 - Andrew "Andy" Werner is a life-long resident of Glen Burnie, currently living in the same house where he was raised. He is a graduate of Glen Burnie High School (1979) and attended Corkran Junior High and Holy Trinity Catholic School (presently Monsignor Slade Catholic School). He began a career in international customs and freight forwarding after graduation and earned his Customs Broker License in 1987. Andy opened the Western Overseas Corporations' Maryland office in 1999 and currently manages the Glen Burnie branch office. Active in the professional community, he is a member of the Traffic Club of Baltimore, the Propeller Club of the U.S., the Baltimore Customs Broker and Freight Forwarders Association and the Northern Anne Arundel County Chamber of Commerce.

Area 4 - Len James is the Chief Financial Officer for the John S. James Co., a leading industry provider in customs brokerage and international freight forwarding services. In this capacity, Len directs strategic financial and accounting issues for his company. He began his "official" career with John S. James Co. in 1992, serving in various operational positions in the organization, including import administrator, air and ocean export administrator, NVOCC operations, and office manager of their Atlanta facility from 1998 to 2002. He obtained his Customs Broker's License in 1994, and is Certified Customs Specialist and Certified Export Specialist.

Area 7 - Julie Moore is a licensed Customhouse Broker since 1989, and owns JAM International Inc. located in Spring, TX. Since beginning her transportation logistics career in 1982 she has worked with various customs brokers along the way. During her more than 30 years in the industry, Ms. Moore has served on the Houston Customhouse Brokers & Freight Forwarders Association (HCBFFA) Customs Committee, as HCBFFA President, is currently HCBFFA Chairman of the Board and is past president of Women in Transportation. For the last 10 years, Ms. Moore has traveled to Washington, to participate in NCBFAA Government Affairs Conference and expects to do so again this year.

Area 8 - Jose D. Gonzalez is a licensed U.S. customs broker who has operated a customs house under the same name since 1994. He currently serves as the LLUSCBA Customs Committee & Education as well as Senior Advisor to the board of the LLUSCBA. Prior to his involvement with these Committees, JD was Executive Chairman of the LLUSCBA, President of the Laredo Customs Brokers Association in 2010-2011 whom represents one of the largest concentrations of customs brokers who work closely with CBP.

Area 9 - Sandra Langford-Coty is Vice President of Customs Brokerage at Barthco International Inc DBA OHL-International Inc, based out of Los Angeles, is a Licensed Customs Broker and a Certified Customs Specialist. Sandy is a director of the Los Angeles Customs Brokers and Freight Forwarders Association (LACBFFA). She has been Chair of the LACBFFA Education, Airport and Communications committees. For the last several years Ms. Coty has been active in ACE Entry Summary Processing, Cargo Release and PGA Pilots and PGA Working Groups. Ms. Coty has a BA in Resource Economics from the University of Massachusetts.

Headquartered in Washington, DC, the NCBFAA represents more than 970 member companies with 110,000 employees in international trade - the nation's leading freight forwarders, customs brokers, ocean transportation intermediaries (OTIs), NVOCCs and air cargo agents, serving more than 250,000 importers and exporters. Established in 1897 in New York, NCBFAA is the effective national voice of the industry. Through its various committees, counsel and representatives, the Association maintains a close watch over legislative and regulatory issues that affect its members. It keeps them informed of these and other related issues through its weekly Monday Morning eBriefing, and various meetings and conferences throughout the year.

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