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American Graded Stakes Committee Announces 2011-2012 Appointments

LEXINGTON, Ky. – Dr. J. David Richardson, who was elected chairman of the TOBA American Graded Stakes Committee succeeding Peter Willmott, announced appointments for the 2011-2012 American Graded Stakes Committee.

At its August meeting held in Saratoga Springs, New York, Seth Hancock was appointed to his second three-year term on the committee. Hancock joins prior TOBA appointees John Amerman, William Farish, Jr., Michael Levy, Dr. J. David Richardson and Peter Willmott.

Racing Official members Rogers Beasley and Mike Dempsey were each reappointed to their third three-year term and P.J. Campo was reappointed to his second three-year term. Beasley, Campo and Dempsey join prior Racing Official appointees Michael Harlow and Thomas Robbins.

The committee will meet again in early December for its annual grading session.

TOBA, based in Lexington, Ky., was formed in 1961 and is a national trade organization leading Thoroughbred horse breeders and owners. TOBA's mission is to *"improve the economics, integrity and pleasure of the sport on behalf of Thoroughbred owners and breeders."* Projects managed by TOBA include the American Graded Stakes Committee, Sales Integrity Program, The Racing Game, and Claiming Crown. Thoroughbred Charities of America is the charitable arm of TOBA. TOBA is the owner of The Blood-Horse, Inc., and is represented on the Board of Directors of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association as a founding member. More information on TOBA appears on www.toba.org.

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