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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PRODUCE MARKET MANAGERS (NAPMM) HOLDS 68TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

New York, NY – The National Association of Produce Market Managers (NAPMM) met in New York City from March 26-29 for its 68th Annual Conference. Held in NYC for the first time in 46 years, the conference was dedicated to the memory of the late Pat Kelley, 2nd Vice President of NAPMM and Manager of the St. Louis Produce Market in St. Louis, Missouri.

Participating in the meeting were 82 total attendees, including 51 of NAPMM's 112 members. Featured topics this year included urban-rural partnerships, labor law, marketing, security, waste management, and recycling as well as breakout sessions specifically geared toward retail and wholesale participants.

Tours included the New Fulton Fish Market, the Chelsea Market, the Essex Street Market, La Marqueta, The Food Bank of New York City, and the Hunts Point Terminal Produce Market.

Members approved the following NAPMM slate of officers for 2014-15:

Dan Kane (General Manager, Philadelphia Wholesale Produce Market) - President
Rose Harrell (Director of Facilities, Maryland Food Center Authority) - 1st Vice President
Fred Cole (Market Manager, Charlotte Regional Farmers Market) - 2nd Vice President
Kristina Stanley (Recreational Supervisor, City of Overland Park) - Secretary
Deb Churchill (VP-Property Manager, City Market of Kansas City) will remain as Treasurer in a non-board capacity.

The conference concluded with the annual awards banquet. Rose Harrell, Director of Facilities, Maryland Food Center Authority in Jessup, MD, was named "Market Manager of the Year." New board members include Doug Sutton, Manager, WNC Farmer's Market, Asheville, NC; Jared Call, Director of Programs, SEE-LA (Sustainable Economic Enterprises of LA), Los Angeles, CA; and Paul Thompson III, Manager, Atlanta State Farmer's Market, Forest Park, GA.

In addition, three members received their Certified Produce Market Manager Accreditation: Ronnie Best, State Farmer's Market, Raleigh, NC; Deb Churchill, City Market, Kansas City, MO; and Randall Fogelman, Eastern Market Corporation, Detroit, MI. Certificates of Appreciation were handed out to Bob Lewis, Retired, NY State Dept. of Agriculture & Markets and Howard Hughes Corporation for their contributions to the

success of the 2014 NAPMM conference. Matthew D'Arrigo, Hunts Point Terminal Produce Market, received a Certification of Appreciation for his many years of support for the produce industry.

The 2015 69th Annual NAPMM Conference will be held in Ft. Myers, Florida, and be hosted by The Florida Bureau of State Farmers Markets.

Founded in 1947, NAPMM is an all-volunteer group of managers of retail, wholesale and public markets from across North American and beyond. The association meets annually to share best practices, exchange ideas between members and partners, learn about new regulations and trends, and to recognize outstanding achievements in the industry. Visit www.napmm.com for more information.

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NAPMM guest speakers this year included (L-R): Steven Reviczky, CT Agriculture Commissioner, Richard Ball, NY Agriculture Commissioner, and Paul Soglin, Mayor of Madison, Wisconsin.