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PENNSYLVANIA CHRISTMAS TREE GROWERS ELECT 2008 LEADERSHIP

HARRISBURG, PA- The Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Christmas Tree Growers Association (PCTGA) welcomed a new executive committee and board of directors on January 18, 2008 at PCTGA's annual Winter meeting held in Grantville, Pennsylvania.

The 2008 Executive Committee consists of newly elected President- Phil Civello, Misty Run Tree Farm (Lebanon County); Vice-President- Robin Strathmeyer, Strathmeyer Forests, Inc. (York County); Secretary- Don Abraczinskas, Abraczinskas Nurseries, Inc. (Columbia County) and Treasurer- Gary Thomas, Jarrettsville Nurseries (Lancaster County). Immediate Past President is Ron Mancabelli, E-Mar Acres Tree Farm, Saltsburg, PA (Indiana County).

Newly elected Directors for 2007 is Curt Bookhammer of J.B. Tree Farms (Blair County). Continuing as Directors for 2007 will be: Tom Balthaser, Perry Valley Tree Farm (Perry County); Glenn Beers, Old Homestead Tree Farm (Carbon County); Jim Campbell, Heritage Acres Evergreens (Columbia County); JD Fleming, Fleming Christmas Tree Farms LLC (Indiana County); Brad Hess, Hess Tree Farm (Lebanon County); Melissa Holby, Berkey's Nursery (Crawford County); Larry Pauling, Pauling's Tree Farm (Lycoming County); Craig Weidensaul, Tannenbaum Farm (Centre County); and Drew B. Yenser, Yenser's Tree Farm (Carbon County).

The Pennsylvania Christmas Tree Growers Association, with just under 300 members, works to promote and develop a community of interest among growers of Christmas trees in Pennsylvania and adjoining states, as well as to raise public awareness about Christmas trees. To find a Christmas tree grower near you, and for more information from the Pennsylvania Christmas tree authority, visit www.christmastrees.org.

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