

Changes to the CAPI Board of Directors

OTTAWA, August 13, 2015 — The Canadian Agri-Food Policy Institute (CAPI) is pleased to announce the appointment of Bill Buckner to the Institute's Board of Directors. His appointment was confirmed at CAPI's Annual General Meeting held in Charlottetown on June 24. This brings the total number of Directors to 11.

CAPI and the Board of Directors wish to thank Brenda Schoepp, who has stepped down from the Board.

Bill Buckner

Bill Buckner serves as senior vice president of Cargill, platform leader for Cargill's Animal Protein and Salt platform, and leads Cargill's Corporate Food Safety and Regulatory Affairs function, which is responsible for the company's food safety efforts. He is a member of the Corporate Leadership Team, the core executive group in charge of Cargill's overall strategy, growth and funding.

Buckner joined Cargill in 1987. The following year he moved to High River, Alberta, to oversee the construction of a beef processing plant and served until 1994 as general manager. Today, the Cargill Foods plant in High River is the largest beef packing facility in Canada. Buckner was named CEO of Wichita, Kansas-based Cargill Meat Solutions Corporation (formerly Excel Corporation) in April 1998. He was elected corporate vice president in January 2000 and senior vice president in June 2007.

Buckner is a board member and former chairman of the American Meat Institute. He serves as a board member of two of Cargill's joint ventures, DOS – Standard Meat Company and Teys Australia. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Manufacturers. In 2004, he was inducted into the Hall of Fame of the International Livestock Conference.

Buckner graduated with honours from McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, with a bachelor's degree in commerce.

About CAPI

The Canadian Agri-Food Policy Institute (CAPI) is an independent, unbiased policy forum that is dedicated to the success of Canada's agriculture and agri-food sector. CAPI is a catalyst. It identifies emerging issues, promotes dialogue and advances alternative solutions to issues with stakeholders across diverse agri-food supply chains and among other food stakeholders. Based in Ottawa, CAPI was established as a not-for-profit corporation in 2004 by the federal government and is guided by a diverse Board of Directors and an Advisory Committee.

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