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THE CANADIAN AGRI-FOOD POLICY INSTITUTE (CAPI) ANNOUNCES NEW APPOINTMENTS TO ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND THANKS OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS

OTTAWA, Ontario, June 25, 2020 – The Canadian Agri-Food Policy Institute (CAPI) is pleased to announce the appointment of Andrea Barnett, Julie Bissonnette, Rory McAlpine and Jason Skotheim to the Institute’s Board of Directors.

“We are thrilled to have four outstanding individuals join CAPI’s Board of Directors,” said Chantelle Donahue, Chair of the CAPI Board of Directors. “Their experience, energy and perspectives will be tremendous assets to the Board. These appointments reflect CAPI’s desire to attract leading thinkers on policy and strategy, who will join us in advocating for positive change.”

Andrea Barnett is a rancher in British Columbia and brings 15 years’ experience working in conservation and natural resources. Julie Bissonnette is a dairy farmer in Quebec and serves as President of La Fédération de la relève agricole du Québec. Rory McAlpine is Senior Vice President, Government and Industry Relations with Maple Leaf Foods, and brings more than 30 years’ experience working in government, trade and agribusiness. Jason Skotheim is a farmer in Saskatchewan and serves as Chair of the Board of the SaskBarley Development Commission.

“CAPI is delighted to welcome four new board members who bring fresh, diverse perspectives to the table,” said Don Buckingham, CAPI President and CEO. “Their insight and enthusiasm will be vital as we continue to build and develop innovative solutions to the challenges facing our Canadian agriculture and agri-food sectors.”

The new appointments were confirmed at CAPI’s Annual General Meeting on June 10th. CAPI and its Board of Directors also wish to thank Richard Gray and David Rourke for their contributions to the Board over the past six years.

For full Board Member biographies, visit: www.capi-icpa.ca/about/#board

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As an independent, non-partisan policy catalyst, the Canadian Agri-Food Policy Institute brings insight, evidence and balance to emerging issues. CAPI provides a neutral place to hold dialogues and generate perspectives among leaders across the food system. For more information, visit: www.capi-icpa.ca

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