Office of the President
December 17, 2013

Members, Board of Trustees:

APPOINTMENT TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS
UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY GLUCK EQUINE RESEARCH FOUNDATION, INC.

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Thomas Grossman, Eric Hamelback, William Lynn Jones, Mike Meuser and Dermot Ryan to the Board of Directors of the University of Kentucky Gluck Equine Research Foundation, Inc. for a four-year term, ending December 31, 2017.

Background: The Nominating Committee of the University of Kentucky Gluck Equine Research Foundation, which includes the Dean of the College of Agriculture, recommended these appointments to the Provost. These recommended appointments require approval by the Board of Trustees in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws for the University of Kentucky Gluck Equine Research Foundation approved by the Board of Trustees at its meeting in September, 1984. These nominations are supported by the President and Provost.

Action taken: ☑ Approved     ☐ Disapproved     ☐ Other ____________________
Thomas Grossman, owner of Blue Chip Farms

Tom Grossman received his BS in Finance, cum laude, from Lehigh University. After several years with Goldman Sachs Group, Inc., he was hired in 1994 to set up the new international trading focus at Kingdon Capital Management, a successful domestic investment fund. Tom coordinated the efforts of this four-member team as assets under management grew to over $400 million. In 1997, Tom launched S.A.C. International Equities as a fully autonomous subsidiary of S.A.C. Capital Advisors, LLC, a multi-billion dollar hedge fund. At S.A.C. International Equities, he built a nine-member team and managed a portfolio with over $700 million of international exposure. Currently Tom is the Manager Partner of Union Avenue Advisors, an international equity investment fund. Tom has been familiar with the ins and outs of the Standardbred world since a teenager, having been friends with the Kimelman family, who in 1969 founded Blue Chip Farms in Wallkill, NY. Blue Chip is a 700 acre commercial breeding farm that has been home to some of the finest Standardbred stallions in the world.

In 1989 Tom became actively involved in the harness racing after purchasing his first race horse. His enthusiasm and commitment to the sport increased as the years passed, and in 2001 he purchased Blue Chip Farms from the Kimelman family. Tom’s primary goal was to reformulate Blue Chip’s operation into a viable business endeavor, and by doing so push New York’s breeding program into national prominence. To that end he attracted three major syndicated stallions to stand at the farm by purchasing significant portions of Credit Winner, Art Major and Bettor's Delight. To support those stallions, he invested heavily in broodmares. This went hand in hand with a major capital improvement outlay to renovate the 24 barns and sheds that make up the facility. His plans are starting to reap rewards. Currently the farm stands nine commercial stallions in 3 states and/or provinces.

Eric Hamelback, general manager of Adena Springs Farm

Eric Hamelback is the general manager of Frank Stronach's Adena Springs Farm and resides in Paris, Ky. with his wife Debra and two children. He is originally from Frierson, Louisiana where he attended Louisiana State University. Eric graduated in 1993 with a Bachelor of Science in Animal Systems. He and his family moved to Paris in 2008 after living in the Versailles/Midway area for 8 years and then in Florida for 5 years. Adena Springs Farm moved him from their Florida operation to the Bourbon County operation. Both Eric and his wife have truly enjoyed living in the Paris community.

Eric began his career with Prestonwood Farm in Versailles, after leaving Louisiana in 1994. There he began as yearling manager. In 1997, he was offered a position at Adena Springs as the yearling manager under then, General Manager, Dan Hall. Eric was promoted to assistant farm manager in 1998 and in 2002 was named general manager at Live Oak Stud in Ocala, Fla. From 2002 until 2005 Eric headed the Florida operation before returning to Adena Springs, this time in Florida, in 2006. In mid-2008, Mr. Stronach promoted Eric to his current position as general manager over the Kentucky division.
**William Lynn Jones**, owner of Equus Standardbred Station

Lynn Jones co-founded Equus Unlimited in 1985 and co-founded Standardbred Station in 1986. He currently co-owns Equus Standardbred Station with his spouse. Equus/Standardbred is the largest equine agency in the United States and one of the largest worldwide by premium volume representing Underwriter's at Lloyds, QBE, Great American, Markel and Caitlin.

With the Fasig-Tipton Livestock Underwriters, he developed a program and established an entire client base for this book of business. He was vice president for operations from 1984-1986 and was manager of the Standardbred division from 1981-1984.

He is the past president, vice president and treasurer of Kentucky Lloyds Agents Association and Kentucky Harness Racing Commission. He was also previously appointed to the Kentucky Racing Commission.

**Mike Meuser**, lawyer at Miller, Griffin & Marks, P.S.C.

Mike Meuser is a shareholder and member of the Management Committee of Miller, Griffin & Marks, P.S.C., with which firm he has practiced law for his entire career. He graduated in 1980 from the University of Kentucky College of Law, where he was a member of the National Moot Court Team. He is a Fellow of the American College of Equine Practitioners and is a past President of the Equine Law Sections of the Fayette County and Kentucky Bar Associations. He has been counsel of record in numerous published state and federal court opinions in the area of equine law. Among his representative clients are Coolmore, Ashford Stud, WinStar Farm, Hill 'n' Dale Farm, Castleton Lyons Farm, Ramsey Farm, Denali Stud, Starlight Racing, Repole Stables, Eaton Sales, Warrendale Sales and Bluewater Sales. He is a frequent lecturer and member of the Planning Committee of the UK National Equine Law Conference. Currently he serves as Vice President and Secretary of the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance, a national non-profit organization dedicated to providing sustainable funding to other non-profit organizations for the care of retired Thoroughbred racehorses.

**Dermot Ryan**, manager of Ashford Stud

Dermot Ryan is the manager of Ashford Stud, the American division of Coolmore Stud. A native of Co. Tipperary, Ireland, Dermot graduated from the Irish National Stud Thoroughbred Breeding Course before taking a position with Coolmore Stud in Ireland. Following eight years working for Coolmore in Ireland, Dermot relocated to Coolmore America in 1993. Dermot was a founding member of the Consignors and Commercial Breeders Association and also spent two terms on the board for the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association.