

Office of the President
April 25, 2025

Members, Board of Trustees:

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

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the four-year appointment of Dermot Ryan to the Board of Directors of the University of Kentucky Gluck Equine Research Foundation, Inc. and the reappointment of Elisabeth Goth for a second four-year term, both ending Spring 2029.

Background: The Nominating Committee of the University of Kentucky Gluck Equine Research Foundation, which includes the Dean of the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, recommended these appointments to the Provost. These 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 September 1984 meeting. These nominations are supported by the President and Provost.

Action taken: ☒ Approved ☐ Disapproved ☐ Other _____

**Bios for the University of Kentucky
Gluck Equine Research Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors**

Dermot Ryan, Coolmore

Dermot Ryan serves as the manager of Ashford Stud, the American division of Coolmore Stud. Originally from County Tipperary, Ireland, he completed the Irish National Stud Thoroughbred Breeding Course before joining Coolmore Stud in Ireland. After spending eight years at Coolmore in Ireland, Dermot moved to Coolmore America in 1993. He currently holds the position of Treasurer for the Kentucky Thoroughbred Association (KTA) and Kentucky Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders (KTOB). Dermot was also a founding member of the Consignors and Commercial Breeders Association and served two terms on the board of the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association. He served on the University of Kentucky Gluck Equine Research Foundation Board of Directors from 2013-2017 and again from 2018-2024.

Elisabeth M. Goth, Vissar Stables

Elisabeth Goth is a world renowned and national champion American Saddlebred rider. She moved from southern California to a farm on the Marion-Washington County line in the 1990s to be closer to the center of the Saddlebred industry. She owns Vissar Stables, located in Versailles, Kentucky. Ms. Goth represented the United States with her American Saddlebreds in the closing ceremonies of the 1998 Winter Olympic Games in Nagano, Japan. She received the 1997 American Horse Shows Association (AHSA)/Hertz Equestrian of the Year Award. Ms. Goth serves on the board of the United Professional Horsemen's Association, the American Saddle Bred Horse Association, the American Saddlebred Registry (Secretary), the Kentucky Saddlebred Owners and Breeders Association (Secretary) and the United States Equestrian Federation (Vice President). In the past, she served on the boards of the California Saddle Horse Breeders' Association and American Horse Shows Association. Ms. Goth is co-chair of the Mileage Rule Revision Task Force, which manages United States Equestrian Federation's licensing of competitions.

Ms. Goth is a former member of the Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment's Kentucky Can Campaign Committee and is an Alumni Association Member.