

## PSCFO ELECTS OFFICERS

The Pennsylvania State Council of Farm Organizations has recently elected new officers and directors for the 2011 year. The election took place during the Spring Annual Meeting and Cornucopia event held at the Capitol in Harrisburg.

Elected to the office of President was Betsy Huber from Chester County. Betsy formerly served as Pennsylvania State Grange Master for four terms from 2002-2010 and is currently employed as the Legislative Liaison for the Pennsylvania State Grange, advocating for Grange policy in the Capitol and on numerous committees and boards in Harrisburg. Betsy's educational background includes Millersville and Lincoln Universities and RULE VIII. She has been an officer of PSCFO for four years.

Elected to the office of Vice President was Brian Snyder from Centre County. Brian serves as the Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Association for Sustainable Agriculture (PASA). During his tenure with this organization, the membership has grown from 1,000 to nearly 6,000 individuals. Brian's educational background includes two masters degrees, one from Harvard and one from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Brian has been a board member of PSCFO for six years.

Bill Troxell, a Juniata County native, was elected to the office of Secretary/Treasurer of PSCFO. Bill serves as Executive Secretary of the Pennsylvania Vegetable Growers Association and in the same capacity for the Pennsylvania Vegetable Marketing and Research Program, a state check-off and promotion program. His educational background includes a horticulture degree from both Delaware Valley College and Penn State University. Bill has served on the board of PSCFO for many years.

The directors elected were Steve Connelly, Rising Sun, Maryland, with the Mid-Atlantic Soybean Association (one year term); Jeff Nogan, Scott Township, Pa., with the Pennsylvania Cattleman's Association (three year term); Eugene Richard, Oley, Pa., with the American Mushroom Institute (three year term); and Gregg Robertson, Harrisburg, Pa., with the Pennsylvania Landscape and Nursery Association (three year term).

The PSCFO is in the process of evaluating its mission and has been holding strategic planning sessions this spring. The Council meeting dates for 2011 are June 6, September 19 and November 21. Meetings are held at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Building in Harrisburg at 1:00 p.m.

The program for the June 6 meeting is the Educational Ag Lab and its impact on Pennsylvania school children. Tonya Wible will be the speaker.

The Council is made up of seventy-one ag organizations. Its primary purpose is to promote the welfare of agriculture in Pennsylvania by bringing together farm organizations for study, discussion and solutions to mutual problems and to support legislation to help Pennsylvania agriculture.



*Betsy Huber*



*Brian Snyder*



*Bill Troxell*