



# News Release

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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## Potato Growers Select 2013 NPC Leadership

**Washington, D.C.** – At the National Potato Council's (NPC) 2013 Annual Meeting, held January 11-12, 2013, in Las Vegas, Randy Mullen of Pasco, Wash., was elected to serve as NPC's president for 2013 and to lead the council's Executive Committee.

NPC delegates also approved Randy Hardy of Oakley, Idaho, as first vice president and vice president of the Trade Affairs Committee. Additional members of the Executive Committee include Dwayne Weyers of Monte Vista, Colo., as vice president of the Grower and Public Relations Committee, Dan Lake of Ronan, Mont., as vice president of the Environmental Affairs Committee, and Jim Tiede of American Falls, Idaho, as vice president of the Legislative and Government Affairs Committee. One new member of the Executive Committee was elected: Nels Iverson of Woodburn, Ore., who will serve as vice president of the Finance and Office Procedures Committee. Steve Crane of Exeter, Maine, NPC's 2012 president, will continue to serve on the Executive Committee as the immediate past president.

The delegates also elected the 2013 Board of Directors. The Board members include:

### California

Ed Staunton

Kim Wahlen

Shane Webster

### New Jersey

Jennifer Coombs-  
Kelly

### Oregon

Tony Amstad  
Lon Baley  
Dan Walchli

### Colorado

Miguel Diaz  
Keith Holland  
Bob Mattive  
Mark Peterson  
Harry Strohauser

### Maine

Brent Buck  
Dominic LaJoie  
Darrell McCrum

### New York

Ralph Child

### Pennsylvania

Keith Masser

### Florida

Danny Johns

### Michigan

Randy Styma  
Jason Walther

### North Carolina

Chris Hopkins

### South Dakota

Milt Carter

### Idaho

R.J. Andrus  
Clen Atchley  
Todd Gerratt  
Dean Gibson  
Jeff Harper  
Steve Theobald

### Minnesota

Justin Dagen  
Jerry Larson

### North Dakota

Keith McGovern  
Brian Vculek

### Washington

Jared Balcom  
Ellie Charvet  
Nelson Cox  
Cully Easterday  
Bob Halvorson  
Darrin Morrison  
Ted Tschirky

### Ohio

Todd Michael

### Montana

Sid Schutter

### Oklahoma

Virgil Slagell

### Nebraska

Joe Thompson

## **Wisconsin**

Larry Alsum

Jeremie Pavelski

Jim Wysocki

NPC's Board of Directors is comprised of U.S. potato growers, nominated by their state organizations, and approved by the Executive Committee.

As president, Mullen will host the 2013 NPC Summer Meeting, June 26-28, in Walla Walla, Wash.



**NPC 2013 Executive Committee, from left to right: Nels Iverson, Steve Crane, Randy Hardy, Randy Mullen, Dan Lake, Jim Tiede, Dwayne Weyers.**

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