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International Camelid Institute's Board of Directors Elects Officers, Adds Board Member

At its July meeting the Board of Directors for The International Camelid Institute (ICI) elected officers. They are as follows: President – Nancy Medland, OH.; Vice-President – Sheila Fugina, WI.; Secretary – Karen Conyngham, TX; Treasurer – Dr. Jeffrey Lakritz, DVM, OH. Initially the terms will be staggered for one to three years, after which all terms will be for a period of three years.

The board also voted to expand the number of board members to nine and are very pleased to announce that Dr. Karen Pihera, DVM from Georgia has accepted the board's invitation. Dr. Pihera has a large animal/camelid practice and is also a member of the Lama Medical Research Group of the Morris Animal Foundation. She will bring knowledge, experience and enthusiasm to the ICI Board. Dr. Pihera joins other Board members Joe Osborn, OH; Fred Medland, OH; Dr. Pam Walker, DVM, OH; Hank Kauffman, OH; Connie Kauffman, OH; Sheila Fugina, WI.; and Karen Conyngham, TX.

The ICI is located at The Ohio State University but is an independent entity funded by an endowment that is strictly for ICI's use. Dr. Jeffrey Lakritz serves as the Director. The ICI was begun in 2001 and has as its mission to make available to all owners, breeders, veterinarians and camelid enthusiasts the most current and credible information in all areas of camelid health and welfare via its website, www.icinfo.org. Visitors to the site may use a search engine to locate answers or information on subjects of camelid nutrition, medicine, reproduction, surgery and behavior to name a few. Access to camelid veterinarian consultants is available through the Consult Corner on a 24/7/365 basis, although not to be used for emergency situations. Veterinarians have the ability to confer with colleagues, out of sight of the general public, in the password-protected Vets-Only Forum.