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RPA appoints 2017 board members

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Norm Kukuk is the new RPA chairman of the board.

The Reusable Packaging Association has new leadership for 2017.

Norm Kukuk, executive vice president of marketing for ORBIS Corp., is chairman of the board of directors, according to an RPA news release. Kukuk served as vice chairman last year. Hillary Femal, vice president of global marketing for IFCO Systems will be the RPA's immediate past chair. "Thanks to Hillary Femal's leadership, RPA is well positioned to impact the business of reusable packaging, support the growth of the industry and provide valued programs and services to participating members," said Kukuk in a news release.

Rick Sasse, director of custom transport packaging for TriEnda Holdings LLC, will be vice chairman. Jack Fillmore, director of engineering and new product development for Buckhorn, will return as secretary-treasurer.

Newly elected directors for the 2017-18 term are:

- Stuart Lindemann, director, sales and marketing, CABKA North America;
- Drew Merrill, general manager and vice president, CHEP Pallecon Solutions;
- John McCurdy, marketing director, Coroplast LLC;
- Michael Chiado, president of the Americas, Georg Utz Inc.;
- Ben Stoller, executive managing director, Paxxal Inc.;
- David McCulloch, CEO, packaging systems division, Schaefer Systems International Inc.; and
- **Bob Albright, vice president sales and marketing, Schoeller Allibert USA.**

Returning directors completing the second year of their 2016-17 term are:

- Beth Cline, senior analyst, reverse logistics, Anheuser-Busch InBev;
- John McGill, director, business development, CHEP;
- Cindy Doman, senior packaging engineer, Herman Miller;
- Dan Lafond, national sales director, Rehrig Pacific Co.;
- David Kalan, vice president, marketing and business development, RM2; and
- David Rodgers, vice president, sales and business development, Tosca Ltd.

The board also appointed two committee chairs to provide leadership in operations and logistics and the food and beverage market.

Michael Wasson, vice president of supply chain and operations at Tosca, is chair of the operations and logistics committee.