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GRANGE PRESIDENT SEEKS PENN STATE TRUSTEE SPOT

LEMOYNE, PA... Pennsylvania State President Wayne Campbell announced that he is seeking a position on the Pennsylvania State University Board of Trustees. In submitting his nomination, Campbell pointed to his service as Grange President as a way of helping Penn State “*provide a link between the university and our grass roots constituencies.*”

A lifelong Grange member and serving as President of the Pennsylvania State Grange since 2017, Campbell pointed to the Pennsylvania State Grange’s advocacy for rural and urban residents in seeking universal access to high-speed Broadband, increasing dairy consumption to create more demand, improved health care, and many other concerns of Pennsylvanians.

“Many of these are inter-related with Penn State. Broadband ties into improvements in rural health because Telemedicine cannot work without connectivity. Dairy consumption may be a consumer matter but agricultural research is the foundation of the Dairy industry. The success of Agriculture depends on innovative research that improves technology, developing new ways to improve conservation practice and educating the brilliant minds of our youth,” he said. *“The common denominator for these is the Penn State Land Grant University. Much of my work with the Pennsylvania State Grange has been to help legislators better understand the vital role Penn State plays in keeping Agriculture the Number One industry in PA, promoting their research to protect our livestock, bees, forests, and all aspects of agriculture and the need to fund Penn State properly.”*

Wayne Campbell’s dedication to, and the love of agriculture began early, having been born into a family dairy farm and owning his own Holstein cows by the age of 14. He went on to assist farmers by working as a Certified farm equipment technician for New Holland and J.I. Case. For over 25 years he worked for General Motors dealerships where he served as Warranty Administrator, Service Manager, and performed diagnostic trouble-shooting. His background includes service with a transportation firm providing transportation for the elderly and others to medical and other destinations. *“That work in particular gave me a real awareness of the needs of seniors and the consequences of isolation and difficulties in receiving nearby health care,”* he said. Early in his Grange career, Campbell served six years on the Pennsylvania State Grange Agriculture Committee, created to advise the Grange on policy matters.

Agricultural Delegate elections of the Board of Trustees of The Pennsylvania State University will take place in University Park on May 7, 2020. Preceding that, each county with agricultural groups must select three delegates at county caucuses April 16. Details on the Trustee process: Shelly Zeigler-Byers 814-865-2521.

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