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Five from Alabama Named to NCC Leadership Posts

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – Five Alabama cotton industry members have been elected to leadership positions in the National Cotton Council (NCC) for 2021.

Neal Isbell, a producer from Muscle Shoals, was re-elected as a director of the National Cotton Council's export promotions arm, Cotton Council International.

Nicholas McMichen, a Centre producer, and Shep Morris, Sr., a Shorter producer, were elected as state co-chairmen of the NCC's American Cotton Producers.

McMichen was re-elected chairman of the NCC's Alabama unit; Ernest Osuna, a ginner, Hazel Green, was elected vice chairman, and Jeff Thompson, a Prattville cooperative official, who was elected unit secretary.

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Seven from Arizona Named to NCC Leadership Posts

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – Seven Arizona cotton industry members have been elected to leadership positions in the National Cotton Council (NCC) for 2021, including Gene Seal, a Pima ginner, who was elected as a NCC director and Dan Thelander, a Maricopa cotton producer, and Paul Bush, a Glendale cooperative official, who were re-elected as a NCC directors.

Paul Ollerton, a Casa Grande producer, was re-elected as a director of Cotton Council International, the NCC's export promotion arm.

Thelander also was re-elected as a producer director of the American Cotton Producers (ACP), representing the Far West. Fellow producers Jerry Rovey and K.C. Gingg, both of Buckeye will serve as Arizona's ACP co-chairmen.

Re-elected chairman of the NCC's Arizona unit was Thelander while Bill Brackett, a Buckeye ginner, and Gingg, were re-elected as the unit's vice chairman and secretary, respectively.

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Five from Arkansas Named to NCC Leadership Posts

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Nathan Reed, a Marianna producer, was re-elected as a vice chairman of the NCC's American Cotton Producers and Terry Pollard, a Greenway producer, was elected as ACP Arkansas chairman.

Reed was re-elected as the NCC's Arkansas unit chairman. Neill Sloan, a warehouseman from Portland, was re-elected as unit vice chairman; and Hyneman, re-elected as unit secretary.

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Nine from California Named to NCC Leadership Posts

MEMPHIS, Tenn. -- Nine California cotton industry members have been elected to leadership positions in the National Cotton Council (NCC) for 2021, including Kirk Gilkey, a Corcoran ginner, who was re-elected a NCC vice president.

Mark McKean, a producer, Riverdale, was re-elected as a NCC director.

Cotton Council International (CCI), NCC's export promotions arm, elected Ted Sheely, a Lemoore producer, as president, and re-elected Carlo Bocardo, a Bakersfield cooperative official, and Ernie Schroeder, Jr., a Bakersfield merchant, as CCI directors.

McKean also was re-elected as chairman of the NCC's American Cotton Producers (ACP) and as the ACP's at-large director. Gary Martin of Firebaugh was elected as the ACP's California chairman.

The NCC's California unit re-elected Bryan Bone, a Bakersfield producer, as chairman; Joe Cain, a Bakersfield warehouseman, as vice chairman; and Charles Meyer, III, a Stratford producer, as secretary.

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Three from Florida Named to NCC Leadership Posts

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Nick Marshall, a Baker producer, was re-elected Florida chairman of the NCC's American Cotton Producers and as vice chairman of the NCC's Florida unit. The other NCC Florida unit officers re-elected are B.E. "Sonny" Davis, Jr., a Cottdale ginner, who will serve as the unit chairman, and Buster Kimble, a Marianna ginner, who will serve as secretary.

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Seven from Georgia Named to NCC Leadership Posts

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Re-elected as a NCC director was Sammy Wright, a cottonseed processor from Tifton.

Lee Cromley, a Brooklet producer, was elected treasurer of NCC's export promotions arm, Cotton Council International.

Matt Coley of Vienna and Chad Mathis of Arlington were re-elected as state co-chairmen of the NCC's American Cotton Producers.

The NCC's Georgia unit re-elected Mathis as chairman, elected Jimmy Webb, a Leary cooperative official, as vice chairman, and re-elected Duane Barger, a Sylvania ginner, secretary.

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Five from Louisiana Named to NCC Leadership Posts

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Jason T. Condrey, also a Lake Providence producer, was re-elected as a NCC director. George G. LaCour, Jr., a ginner from Morganza, was re-elected as a NCC director and as a director of Cotton Council International, the NCC's export promotion arm.

Condrey also was re-elected as a producer director of the NCC's American Cotton Producers (ACP). Heath Herring and Russell Ratcliff, III, both of St. Joseph, were re-elected as ACP's Louisiana co-chairmen.

Re-elected as NCC's Louisiana unit officers were: Condrey, chairman; Herring, III, vice-chairman; and Ratcliff, III, secretary.

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Four from Kansas Named to NCC Leadership Posts

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – Four Kansas cotton industry members have been elected to leadership positions in the National Cotton Council (NCC) for 2021, including Paul Scruggs, a cottonseed processor from Overland Park who was elected as a NCC director, and Gary Feist, a ginner from Anthony, who was re-elected as a NCC director.

Stuart C. Briggeman, producer from Pratt, was re-elected as the Kansas chairman of the NCC's American Cotton Producers.

Thomas L. Lahey, a producer from Moscow; Briggeman; and Feist were re-elected as the NCC's Kansas state unit chairman, vice-chairman, and secretary, respectively.

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Five from Mississippi Named to NCC Leadership Posts

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Frederick Barrier, a Greenwood cooperative official, was re-elected as a director for Cotton Council International, the NCC's export promotion arm.

Ted Kendall, IV, a Bolton producer, was re-elected Mississippi chairman of the NCC's American Cotton Producers.

David T. Cochran Jr., ginner, Greenville, was elected chairman of the NCC's Mississippi state unit; Reichle, Jr., was elected state unit vice-chairman; and Dwayne Coward, a Greenwood warehouseman, re-elected secretary.

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Three from Missouri Named to NCC Leadership Posts

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Chris Porter, an Essex, Mo., producer, was re-elected as the Missouri/Illinois chairman of the NCC's American Cotton Producers.

A.C. Riley James, a ginner from New Madrid, Mo., was re-elected chairman of the NCC's Missouri/Illinois state unit. Porter was re-elected vice-chairman, and Stephen Harris, a ginner from Senath, Mo., was re-elected secretary.

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Three from New Mexico Named to NCC Leadership Posts

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Dean Calvani, a Carlsbad producer, was re-elected as New Mexico's chairman of the NCC's American Cotton Producers.

Alberto Pando, a ginner from Mesquite, was re-elected chairman of the NCC's New Mexico unit. Also re-elected were Dean Calvani as unit vice chairman and Alisa Ogden, a producer from Loving, as unit secretary.

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Thirteen from North Carolina Named to NCC Leadership Posts

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – Thirteen North Carolina cotton industry members have been named to leadership positions in the National Cotton Council (NCC) for 2021.

Re-elected as a NCC vice president was Robin Perkins, a Sanford, N.C., textile manufacturer.

Elected as NCC directors were Marc Doyon, a Salisbury, N.C., textile manufacturer, and Donald Robinson, a Garner cooperative official. Re-elected as NCC directors were: Coalter Paxton, III, a Wilson, N.C., warehouseman; Wayne Boseman, a Garner marketing cooperative official; Mike Quinn, a Sanford textile manufacturer; and Anderson Warlick and James Martin, both Gastonia textile manufacturers.

Robinson, Perkins, along with Davis Warlick, Jr., a Charlotte textile manufacturer, were re-elected as directors of Cotton Council International, the NCC's export promotion arm.

David Dunlow, Gaston, was elected as a vice chairman of the NCC's American Cotton Producers (ACP). Brad Warren, a Faison producer, and Robert Fleming, Jr., a Zebulon producer, were re-elected as the ACP's North Carolina co-chairmen.

Warren also was re-elected as the NCC's North Carolina unit chairman while Fleming and Tommy Flythe, Jr., a Seaboard producer, were re-elected unit vice-chairman and unit secretary, respectively.

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Eight from Oklahoma Named to NCC Leadership Posts

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Jay Cowart, an Altus warehouseman, was elected a NCC vice president while Austin Rose, an Altus cottonseed merchandiser, and Reid Nichols, an Altus cooperative official, were named as NCC directors.

Mark Nichols, an Altus producer, was re-elected vice chairman of the NCC's American Cotton Producers (ACP). Phil Bohl, a Faxon producer, and Steve King, a Hydro producer, will serve as the ACP's Oklahoma co-chairmen.

Jantz Bain, an Altus producer, was elected as the NCC's Oklahoma unit chairman; while Mark Nichols and Jeannie Hileman, a Hobart ginner, were re-elected unit vice-chairman and secretary, respectively.

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Seven from South Carolina Named to NCC Leadership Posts

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Jordan Lea, a Greenville merchant, was elected as a NCC vice president. Rusty Darby, a Chester producer, was elected as a NCC director while Drake Perrow, a Cameron ginner, and William Bowen, Jr., an Inman textile manufacturer, were re-elected as NCC directors.

Darby of Chester also was elected as a director of the NCC's American Cotton Producers (ACP). James Johnson of Mayesville and Daniel Baxley of Dillon will serve as ACP state producer co-chairmen.

Perrow also was elected chairman of the NCC's South Carolina State Unit; Thomas McMeekin, merchant, Spartanburg, was elected unit vice chairman; and Bowen, Jr., was elected unit secretary.

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Twelve from Tennessee Named to NCC Leadership Posts

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Re-elected as NCC directors were Joe Tillman, a Memphis warehouseman; Bobby Walton, a Memphis merchant; and Joe Nicosia, William Barksdale and Jeff Johnson, all Cordova merchants.

Cordova merchants Ricky Clarke, III, and Steven Dyer, were elected as chairman and second vice president, respectively, of Cotton Council International (CCI), the NCC's export promotion arm. Re-elected as CCI directors were: John Lindamood, a Tiptonville producer; Vance Shoaf, a Milan warehouseman; and Barksdale.

Lindamood also was re-elected as a state chairman of the NCC American Cotton Producers and as vice chairman of the NCC's Tennessee-Kentucky state unit. Bradley Williams, a Burlison, Tenn., ginner, will serve as state unit chairman and Mark Korn, a Dyersburg producer, as unit secretary.

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Twenty-two from Texas Named to NCC Leadership Posts

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – Twenty-two Texas cotton industry members were elected to leadership positions in the National Cotton Council (NCC) for 2021, including Robert Lacy, Jr., a cottonseed processor, and Kevin Brinkley, a cooperative official, both from Lubbock, who were re-elected as NCC vice presidents; and Barry Evans, a Kress producer, who was re-elected as the NCC's secretary-treasurer.

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Elected as a NCC director was Eric Wanjura, a Lubbock warehouseman. Re-elected as NCC directors were: Robert Swize, a Corpus Christi warehouseman; Jerrod Drinnon, a Lubbock cottonseed processor; Doyle Schneirs, a San Angelo producer; Keith Lucas, a Lubbock cooperative official; Raymond Faus, a Plano merchant; and Curtis Stewart, a Spade ginner.

Carlos Garcia, a Lubbock cooperative marketer, was elected first vice president of NCC's export promotion arm, Cotton Council International (CCI). Re-elected as CCI directors were: Stewart; Richard Gaona, a Roby producer; Craig Heinrich, a Lubbock producer; Tim North and Phil Bogel, Dallas merchants; and James Massey, a cottonseed processor from Harlingen.

Schneirs was re-elected as the Southwest region director of the NCC's American Cotton Producers (ACP). ACP Texas co-chairmen are: Gaona, Jon Whatley, Odem; Brent Nelson, Sudan; and Stacy Smith, Wilson.

Re-elected as NCC Texas unit officers were: Barry Street, a Kress ginner, chairman; David Wyatt, a Woodsboro ginner, vice chairman; and Elmer Braden, Jr., a Coyanosa producer, secretary.

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Paul Rogers, a Wakefield producer, was re-elected as Virginia chairman of the NCC's American Cotton Producers.

Re-elected as the NCC's Virginia state unit officers were Steele Byrum, a Zuni producer, chairman; Clay Lowe, a Wakefield producer, vice chairman; and Bruce Alphin, a Windsor ginner, secretary.

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