



Peter J. Marinari Named PHHA Executive Director

Experienced professional joins from Pennsylvania Harness Racing Commission.

CHESTER, PA (October 2, 2015) — Sam Beegle, President of the Pennsylvania Harness Horsemen's Association (PHHA), announced today that the Board of Directors selected Peter J. Marinari as Executive Director following a national search.

Marinari has served as manager for the Pennsylvania Harness Racing Commission at Harrah's Philadelphia since 2011. He is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania.

"We are pleased to welcome Peter to our team at a crucial time in the development of our industry," said Beegle. "His multifaceted and wide-ranging experience in racing, organizational management and government relations make him an excellent fit for the position. We look forward to his contributions to our organization."

Marinari succeeds Ron Battoni, who has been the PHHA's Executive Director since 1987. Battoni will remain with the organization in a reduced capacity as a consultant, focusing on stakes racing and special events.

"I've worked closely with Peter for a number of years," said Battoni. "I have every confidence this will be a seamless transition, and that our mission to provide a stable foundation for horsemen will be in good hands."

About the Pennsylvania Harness Horsemen's Association

Founded in 1967, the Pennsylvania Harness Horsemen's Association (PHHA) is a trade group that promotes the development of harness racing in Pennsylvania. The organization represents horsemen at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono and Harrah's Philadelphia Casino & Racetrack. Its mission is to provide a stable foundation for horsemen by encouraging competitive racing that increases fan participation and enhances the reputation of Pennsylvania harness racing on the national scene. The PHHA maintains branch offices at the tracks it represents.

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