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Congratulations W. Duncan Patterson, new Treasurer of ARCI

On March 25, 2011, the Association of Racing Commissioners International (ARCI) elected Delaware Thoroughbred Secretary-Commissioner, W. Duncan Patterson, Treasurer, at the ARCI convention in New Orleans, LA.

Patterson, a former thoroughbred trainer, amateur Steeplechase rider, and a former board member of the National Steeplechase Association, is pleased with the appointment. Patterson said, "I am excited about being elected to the position of Treasurer during challenging times in racing. I appreciate the support that I receive from my fellow Delaware Commissioners, the Delaware Secretary of Agriculture, Ed Kee, and my fellow regulators internationally."

Duncan Patterson will continue on as Chair of the ARCI Drug Testing Standards and Practices Committee along with his new position as ARCI Treasurer. Patterson, a twenty-three year Commissioner in Delaware, was appointed as Commissioner by then Governor Mike Castle in 1988. In addition to serving the Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission, he also sits on the National Steeplechase Association Stewards Advisory Board. He was instrumental in bringing the padded riding crop to Delaware which has become a standard across North America. In private business, he is a Commercial Real Estate Broker.



In receiving the reins from John Sabini, Patterson remarked, "ARCI is financially sound and I look forward to seeing growth in our industry." John Sabini, the Chairman of the New York State Racing and Wagering Board was Patterson's immediate predecessor and is now Chair-Elect. Willy Koester, the Chairman of the Ohio Racing Commission was appointed Chairman of the ARCI for 2011-2012.

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