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Michigan Farmers Market Association Elects its first Board of Directors!

EAST LANSING, MICH. – The Michigan Farmers Market Association (MIFMA) is honored to welcome its first Board of Directors: Chris Bedford, Dietrich Bronner, Jan Lawson, Lisa Hale, Yolanda Blissett, Richard Hobson, Dan Keane and Lynn Ochberg.

At MIFMA’s Founding Meeting on December 6 during the Great Lakes Fruit, Vegetable and Farm Market Expo, nearly fifty charter members, including farmers, market managers and market friends from across the state, exercised their membership rights to elect the organization’s first founding board and vote on bylaws. MIFMA has 97 charter members total, and the association’s membership is constantly growing.

The board of directors currently consists of eight members with four of the positions held by farmers market representatives from the different MIFMA regions. Four of the positions are held by Michigan farmers (at-large) who sell their own products at farmers markets.

“This is an exciting time for MIFMA,” said Dru Montri, MIFMA Project Manager. “Our board members are all people who are passionate about farmers markets and dedicated to moving Michigan’s markets forward.”

MIFMA advances farmers markets to create a thriving marketplace for local food and farm products and places farmers markets at the forefront of the local food movement, working to ensure all residents have access to healthy, locally grown food and that Michigan farmers markets receive policy support.

Members can join MIFMA at any time by visiting www.farmersmarkets.msu.edu and downloading the membership form, or by contacting Dru Montri at dnmontri@msu.edu or (517) 432-3381.

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