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“Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality” Warren Bennis

CGA DIRECTORS

CGA Directors are elected to represent their regions for a period of two years. After two years the region is asked to nominate a director (or directors) for their region. Present directors can be re-elected. Three regions have two directors – Letsitele, Senwes and Sundays River.

For the period April 2023 to March 2025 seven regions elected their directors. In all regions the present directors were available to continue, and in all cases the directors were re-elected unopposed.

George Hall has been re-elected for the Boland region – George is now serving his twenty second year on the CGA Board (many years on the Executive Committee). Mike Woodburn begins year seventeen as representative of KZN on the CGA Board. Cornel van der Merwe will continue to represent Onderberg – now in his eleventh year on the Board (also present Vice Chairman, past Chairman and many years on the Executive Committee).

Andrew Muller will be hitting a milestone in 2023 having represented Nelspruit for ten years. Both Marius Bester (Northern Cape) and Gerrit van der Merwe (Western Cape and CGA Vice Chairman) will be serving their regions for the seventh year.

Relative newcomer Smit Le Roux will be representing Burgersfort Ohrigstad for the fourth year.

These directors will join existing Board members whose tenure will come up for renewal end March 2024 – Hannes de Waal and Hennie Ehlers (Sundays River); Andries van Wyngaardt and Jan Louis Pretorius (Letsitele), Charles Rossouw and Piet Engelbrecht (Senwes); Guy Whitaker (Limpopo River); Jock Danckwerts (East Cape Midlands); Paul Bristow (Zimbabwe); Per Noddeboe (Eswatini); Phillip Dempsey (Patensie) and Tommie Landman (Hoedspruit); as well as Eric Nohamba, Bennet Malungane, Rajen Govender and Vangi Titi.

CGA CITRUS SUMMIT

The Summit program is packed with interesting speakers – Bruce Whitfield, bestselling author, sought-after business speaker and broadcaster is the keynote speaker on day one. Bruce is an award winning journalist, whose daily Money Show on 702 and CapeTalk is compulsory listening for anyone wanting to better understand the world of money and business. Ferdie Meyer is a well-known figure in the South African agricultural landscape – he will help make sense of a complicated agricultural sector; while his colleague Tracy Davids will drill more into citrus related studies conducted by the Bureau for Food and Agricultural Policy.

International speakers include Anselme Cleron from CIRAD to unpack global citrus trends, John Valentine from RED Communications who will cover aspects of fruit promotion and development programs, while Thomas Eskesen will delve into the world of shipping.

We will hear it from the top as Portia Derby (Chief Executive of Transnet) will unpack the strategic direction of Transnet.

The grunt will be provided by South Africa’s most loved rugby player, as Schalk Burger talks about team dynamics. More detail next week and full program on www.cga.co.za

