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NCBA President and CEO Re-Elected to Board for the International Cooperative Alliance

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Paul Hazen begins second term as U.S. representative on the Board of Directors association.

Washington, D.C. - Cooperatives in the United States will continue to have a voice in the international cooperative community for another four years. That's because Paul Hazen, President and Chief Executive Officer of the National Cooperative Business Association, was re-elected on November 20 for a second term to the International Co-operative Alliance's board of directors. Hazen is the ICA board's only current U.S. representative.

Hazen learned that he had won the board seat while at the ICA General Assembly, a biennial meeting of ICA members which this year was in Geneva, Switzerland. Hazen competed against 22 other candidates for 15 board seats, and came in third place.

"I'm proud I'll be able to raise the global profile of U.S. cooperatives and NCBA before policy makers, the United Nations, the European Union, and the world's business leaders," Hazen said. "Having a U.S. representative on ICA's board is important, too, because it allows U.S. organizations to expand their international cooperative development. U.S. representation in ICA also guarantees that we'll continue to be able to influence the direction of international accounting standards. "

The International Co-operative Alliance represents the world's cooperatives and cooperative organizations. It has more than 230 members, who come from 89 countries. Together, its members represent more than 800 million people. To learn more about the International Co-operative Alliance, visit www.ica.coop.

Headquartered in Washington, the National Cooperative Business Association creates cooperative connections across all sectors of the nations more than 29,000 cooperative businesses, including agriculture, food distribution and retailing, childcare, credit unions, housing, healthcare, energy, and telecommunications cooperatives. In addition, NCBA's CLUSA International Program has helped develop cooperatives and other sustainable businesses in over 50 countries since 1953. CLUSA currently runs 23 projects in 11 countries. To learn more about NCBA, visit www.ncba.coop.

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