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MFGC ELECTS NEW OFFICERS FOR 2008

2008 began the third full year for the Michigan Floriculture Growers Council, the Michigan floriculture advocacy organization — and marks its first change in officers. The hard work and dedication of visionary founding officers, Steve Zylstra, president; Tony Raney, vice president; and Tim Stiles, secretary-treasurer, helped to establish the group, as well as to develop it into a useful tool for the benefit of Michigan growers. All three will remain active on our board of directors.

The new officers have all been associated with MFGC since its inception. We are confident they will help grow and guide the organization to a successful future working for the Michigan grower.

Paul Karlovich, president, is G.M. Production of C. Raker and Sons, Inc. His position at Raker keeps him in touch with the key factors affecting our industry and he's energized to keep MFGC productive and self-sustaining.

Jim Tuinier, vice president, is co-owner of Post Gardens, Battle Creek, and Post Gardens, Inc., Rockwood. Jim sees the importance of growers having a voice in public policy. He values MFGC as a mechanism for addressing industry issues.

Don Klooster, secretary/treasurer, is a partner in Klooster Greenhouse, Inc., a family growing business in Kalamazoo. Don has represented the Western Michigan Greenhouse Association on the MFGC board and demonstrated continuing support for MFGC by helping with events such as Michigan's Ag Day at the capitol and Grower Expo.

The Michigan Floriculture Growers Council focuses on public policy and legislation, expressing Michigan growers' concerns in both Lansing and Washington, D.C. as well as keeping Michigan growers informed about relevant public policy developments. Members receive monthly Updates by e-mail alerting them to issues that may affect their businesses. Further information and a membership application can be found at www.mifgc.org.

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