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MORRIS FOUNDATION APPOINTS NEW DIRECTOR

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. – At the recent Annual Meeting of the Ralph K. Morris Foundation, Joel Nilsestuen was appointed to a three-year term on the Board of Directors. Mr. Nilsestuen works as a Legislative and Policy Coordinator for a Wisconsin state senator. He previously served as Political Representative for AFSCME and the AFL-CIO. Mr. Nilsestuen is a graduate of St. Olaf College, is married and currently resides in Madison, Wisconsin.

Four incumbent directors **Connie Cihak**, President of The Cooperative Foundation, **Martin Lowery**, Executive Vice President, External Affairs, NRECA, **Michelle Schry**, General Manager, People's Food Co-op and **Doug Wilson**, President and CEO, Cooperative Resources Int'l were also appointed to another three-year term at the Annual Meeting. Current officers **Chris Morris**, Bassford Remele, **William Nelson**, Vice President, CHS Corporate Citizenship and President, CHS Foundation, **Dave Swanson**, Dorsey & Whitney and **Jayne Kincade Wilgus**, Dorsey & Whitney were re-elected to a one year term as Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary, respectively.

March 30, 2012 marks the inaugural date of the Nilsestuen Legacy Event to be held at the University of Wisconsin River Falls. Plans are underway to develop a program devoted to in-depth, thought-provoking presentations on issues affecting cooperatives.

The Ralph K. Morris Foundation was established in 2001 to carry on the legacy of a great cooperative leader, attorney Ralph Morris. The objective of the Foundation is to provide development opportunities for emerging leaders expressing interest in applying and advancing the principles of cooperation. For more information on the Foundation, please visit their website at www.ralphkmorrisfoundation.org.