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**NSIIC Announces Three Board Openings**

The National Sheep Industry Improvement Center (NSIIC) announced on Thursday that it is accepting nominations for three voting-director positions on their board of directors. Two positions are for members who have expertise in finance and management and one position is for an active producer of sheep or goats. All positions expire on Feb. 13, 2006.

Paul Lewis (Ore.), the board chair for the last year, and Chase Hibbard (Mont.) are serving in finance and management positions. Both have just completed their first three-year term and are eligible for re-nomination to a second-term to the board.

Glen Fisher (Texas) occupies an active-producer of sheep or goats seat on the NSIIC board and is also completing his first three-year term. He informed the American Sheep Industry executive board at a meeting last week that he will not be seeking re-appointment for a second-term to the NSIIC board. Fisher now serves as secretary-treasurer of ASI.

NSIIC board members manage and oversee the center's activities. Nominations may only be submitted by national organizations that consist primarily of active sheep producers in the United States and who have, as their primary interest, the production of sheep in this country.

ASI is asking individuals and state associations interested in submitting a director nomination to contact the ASI office by Dec. 5, 2005. The ASI executive board will approve the nominations in an early December and submit to the U.S. Department of Agriculture before the Dec. 12 deadline.

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