

**September 17-18, 2014**

**ITEM 164-2002-R0914**

**Authorization to Confer the Title of Director Emeritus of The Farrier School upon Mr. Thomas W. Wolfe**

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**THAT**

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Thomas W. Wolfe from the non-tenure track faculty of Montana State University, the Board of Regents wishes to express its appreciation for his service to the University, the Montana University System and the people of the state of Montana.

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**EXPLANATION**

The MSU Horseshoeing School is affiliated with MSU's College of Agriculture, Department of Animal and Range Sciences, but is completely self-supporting. Tom was the Director of the MSU Horseshoeing School (The Farrier School) from 1983 until 2012, when he retired.

Mr. Wolfe has been a full time professional farrier since 1971 and has worked with all breeds and types of horse. Prior to his appointment as the instructor in charge of the MSU Horseshoeing School, Tom was a farrier in Albuquerque, NM. Tom practiced in Albuquerque where he was licensed with the New Mexico State racing commission as a race plater and was the farrier for the Albuquerque Police Department Horse Patrol. In addition, Tom has been the official farrier for many western, hunter-jumper, Arabian, and all-breed horse shows. Tom is a member of the Montana Professional Horseshoer's Association and the American Farrier Association. Tom served for three years on the executive committee for the American Farrier Association (AFA). He is also certified with the AFA as a journeyman farrier. Tom's educational background includes a science degree in Biology as well as completion of the Advanced Farrier Science curriculum from the University of New Mexico.

Tom Wolfe, Director of the MSU Farrier School, was recently inducted into the International Horseshoeing Hall of Fame for his contributions to Farrier Education. The International Horseshoeing Hall of Fame is located at the Kentucky Derby Museum.

Together, Tom's sound technical background, practical experience, national reputation, and teaching aptitude provided for a strong MSU farrier program. For these and other contributions, the Board of Regents of Higher Education is pleased to confer Thomas W. Wolfe the rank of Emeritus Director of the Farrier School Director, Department of Animal and Range Sciences at Montana State University and wishes him well for many years in the future.

For these and other contributions, the Board of Regents of Higher Education is pleased to confer on Mr. Thomas W. Wolfe, the title of Director Emeritus of the Farrier School, Department of Animal and Range Sciences at Montana State and wishes him well for many years in the future.