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INSTITUTE NEWS

R. J. "Jim" Hildreth, a member of the Wallace Institute's President's Council, has received the 1994 George Washington Carver Public Service Hall of Fame Award at Tuskegee University.

Dr. Sharon B. Hornick, a member of the Editorial Board of the *American Journal of Alternative Agriculture*, was appointed Executive Director of Research and Farm Operations at the NaturFarm, Lompoc, California. She also serves on the Board of Directors of the Nature Farming Research and Development Foundation and is a technical consultant to the International Nature Farming Research Center, Atami, Japan.

Kathleen Merrigan, Senior Policy Analyst at the Wallace Institute, has been appointed to a five-year term on the U.S.

Department of Agriculture's National Organic Standards Board. The board is responsible for advising the Secretary on establishing national guidelines for organic food production, certification, and accreditation.

Dr. James F. Parr, a member of the Editorial Board of the *American Journal of Alternative Agriculture*, was elected President of the Nature Farming Research and Development Foundation and its Board of Directors. He works with representatives of Sekai Kyusei Kyo and the International Nature Farming Research Center on matters pertaining to research and development on Kyusei Nature Farming.

Karl Stauber, former vice president of the Northwest Area Foundation and former member of the Wallace Institute's Presi-

dent's Council, has been confirmed by the U.S. Senate to become the first Under Secretary of Agriculture for Research, Education, and Economics (REE). He had previously been the Deputy Under Secretary for Small Community and Rural Development.

Dr. Ray Weil, a member of the Editorial Board of the *American Journal of Alternative Agriculture*, recently returned from an eight-month sabbatical leave in Mbeya Province in western Tanzania, working as an African Regional Fulbright Research Scholar. He worked with local scientists and farmers to develop improved means of using indigenous nutrient resources for enhancing the fertility status of local soils.

