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## **HARLEYSVILLE GROUP, HARLEYSVILLE MUTUAL ANNOUNCE BOARD ELECTIONS**

HARLEYSVILLE, PA—APRIL 23, 2008—Harleysville Group Inc. (NASDAQ: HGIC) and Harleysville Mutual Insurance Company have re-elected three members to their respective boards of directors.

W. Thacher Brown, Mirian M. Graddick-Weir and William W. Scranton III have been re-elected to the Harleysville Group board, while Michael L. Lapeyrouse, Scranton and William E. Storts were re-elected to the Harleysville Mutual board. All the elections are for three-year terms.

Brown was elected a director of Harleysville Mutual in 1994 and Harleysville Group in 2002. He had been president of 1838 Investment Advisers, LLC, until his retirement in 2004.

Graddick-Weir is executive vice president of human resources for Merck & Co., Inc. She has been a Harleysville Group director since 2000.

Scranton was named non-executive chairman of the board of Harleysville Group and Harleysville Mutual in 2004. He was elected a director of Harleysville Mutual in 1999 and Harleysville Group in 2004. Scranton is a former lieutenant governor of Pennsylvania, and currently manages the Scranton Family Office.

Lapeyrouse is chief executive officer of The American Equity Underwriters, Inc. He was elected a director of Harleysville Mutual in 2002.

Storts was elected a director of Harleysville Mutual in 2001 and Harleysville Group in 2007. He retired as a senior executive of Accenture in 2000.

Harleysville Insurance is a leading regional provider of insurance products and services for small and mid-sized businesses, as well as for individuals, and ranks among the top 60 U.S. property/casualty insurance groups based on net written premiums. Harleysville was listed recently as #23 in the *InformationWeek* 500, the publication's annual listing of the most innovative information technology organizations in the U.S., and was the highest-ranked property and casualty insurer on the 2007 list. Harleysville Mutual Insurance Company owns 52 percent of Harleysville Group Inc. (NASDAQ: HGIC), a publicly traded holding company for nine regional property/casualty insurance companies collectively rated A- (Excellent) by A.M. Best Company. Harleysville Group is a member of the NASDAQ Global Select Market, which represents the top third of all NASDAQ-listed companies and has the highest initial listing standards of any exchange in the world based on financial and liquidity requirements. Harleysville Insurance—which distributes its products exclusively through independent insurance agencies and reflects that commitment to its agency force by being a Trusted Choice<sup>®</sup> company partner—currently operates in 32 eastern and midwestern states. Further information can be found on the company's Web site at [www.harleysvillegroup.com](http://www.harleysvillegroup.com).

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