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

HARLEYSVILLE, PA—APRIL 28, 2010—Harleysville Group Inc. (NASDAQ: HGIC) and Harleysville Mutual Insurance Company have re-elected three members to their respective boards of directors.

Barbara A. Austell, G. Lawrence Buhl and William E. Storts have been re-elected to the Harleysville Group board, while Michael L. Browne, Nicholas DeBenedictis and Ellen M. Dunn were re-elected to the Harleysville Mutual board. All the elections are for three-year terms.

Austell has been a Harleysville Group director since 2007. She formerly served as senior vice president of finance and treasurer of ARAMARK Corporation

Buhl is the retired regional director of insurance services in Ernst & Young's Philadelphia office. He has been a director of Harleysville Group since 2004 and a director of Harleysville Mutual since 2005.

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

Browne is president and chief executive officer of Harleysville Group and Harleysville Mutual. He was named CEO of Harleysville Group and president and CEO of Harleysville Mutual in 2004, and president of Harleysville Group in 2005. He has been a director of Harleysville Group since 1986 and a director of Harleysville Mutual since 2003.

DeBenedictis was elected a director of Harleysville Mutual in 2005. He is chairman, president and chief executive officer of Aqua America, Inc.

Dunn is a partner with the law firm of Dewey & LeBoeuf LLP. She has been a director of Harleysville Mutual since 2007.

Harleysville Insurance is a leading super-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. As a Trusted Choice® company partner, Harleysville distributes its products exclusively through a network of independent agents primarily across 32 states. Harleysville is ranked #7 in the most recent *InformationWeek 500*, the publication's annual listing of the most innovative information technology organizations in the U.S., and has been included on the list in each of the last three years. Harleysville Mutual Insurance Company owns approximately 53 percent of Harleysville Group Inc. (NASDAQ: HGIC), a publicly traded holding company for eight regional property/casualty insurance companies collectively rated A (Excellent) by A.M. Best Company. Harleysville Group is listed on the NASDAQ Global Select Market, which is comprised of the top third of all NASDAQ member companies and has the highest initial listing standards of any exchange in the world based on financial and liquidity requirements. Further information can be found on the company's website at www.harleysvillegroup.com.

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