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Georgia Food Policy Council holds its 2014 Annual Meeting, Elects Officers

New Executive Board to Focus on Organizational Development Through Partnerships

*Atlanta, GA -- Stakeholders from different regions of Georgia and representing various sectors of the state's food system gathered on Wednesday October 29, 2014 to hold the Georgia Food Policy Council (GFPC) 2014 Annual Meeting. This special session is required by the group's bylaws and was hosted in Atlanta's Tech Square at 75 Fifth Street by **Costas Simoglou**, Director of the *Center for Innovation for Energy Technology of the Georgia Department of Economic Development*.*

Other agencies, businesses, institutions, and organizations represented included: Atlanta Community Food Bank (ACFB), Atlanta Food & Farm LLC (AF2), Atlanta Local Food Initiative (ALFI), Georgia College & State University, Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH), Georgia Food Oasis, Georgia Micro Enterprise Network (GMEN), Georgia Organics, GSU Georgia Health Policy Center, Gotcha Goat LLC, International City Farmers' Market, Phoenix Gardens LLC, Project Generation Gap (PGG), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), University of Georgia-Athens (UGA).

Along with other items on its Annual Meeting agenda, the GFPC successfully elected new officers for the next term of its Executive Board as follows:

- **Chair - Kwabena Nkromo**
- **Vice Chair - Cicely Garrett**
- **Treasurer - Jodi Daley**
- **Secretary - Sara Thorpe**

As the incoming GFPC Chair, Mr. Nkromo acknowledges the organization's journey since forming several years ago while challenging the group to continue working to fulfill its mission. "I thank **Donna DeCaille** of DPH for fighting so hard to make the GFPC a reality, **Debbie Kibbe** of GSU for leading our initial strategic planning process, and **Dr. Jim Lidstone** for leading us as our first Chair. With strong partnerships at the table and others to be discovered, I feel confident that we can build on our excellent foundation to chart a path forward to a better food future for all Georgia citizens", says Nkromo. "The GFPC is an important forum for many people looking have a stronger policy voice".

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Launched in 2010, the Georgia Food Policy Council (GFPC) examines food and nutrition concerns at the state level. The council comprises representatives from all sectors of Georgia's food system, including production, consumption, processing, distribution, waste management, recycling and sustainability. The GFPC has three work groups: Production and Distribution; Food Processing, Waste, Composting and Recycling; and Consumption and Consumer Education. GFPC membership is free and open to all individuals and organizations involved in Georgia's food and nutrition sectors.