

## Winnebago Industries Announces the Election of Directors

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FOREST CITY, IOWA, January 17, 2001 - Winnebago Industries, Inc. today announced the election of nominees for the board of directors at the Company's annual stockholders' meeting held last night.

Elected to Winnebago Industries' board for a three-year term were current board member, Richard C. Scott, and new board member, Joseph W. England. England replaces Fred G. Dohrmann, former Chairman and CEO of the Company, who is retiring from the board.

Scott, 66, has served on Winnebago Industries' board since 1997. He is currently Vice President of University Development at Baylor University, Waco, Texas.

England, 60, is recently retired from Deere & Company, a Fortune 500 manufacturer of mobile power equipment in Moline, Illinois. He was employed by Deere & Company since 1962 in a variety of management, auditing and accounting positions, last serving as Senior Vice President, Worldwide Parts and Corporate Administration. England graduated from the University of Illinois with a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting and is also a Certified Public Accountant.

"We are very pleased to welcome Joe England to our board," said Bruce Hertzke, Winnebago Industries' Chairman, CEO and President. "We look forward to benefiting from Joe's vast financial and management experience with John Deere, a well-respected, billion dollar firm."

Winnebago Industries, Inc. is a leading manufacturer of motor homes, self-contained recreation vehicles used primarily in leisure travel and outdoor recreation activities. Other products manufactured by the Company consist principally of a variety of component products for other manufacturers. The Company builds quality products with state-of-the-art computer-aided design and manufacturing systems on automotive-styled assembly lines. The Company believes its products are subjected to the most rigorous quality testing in the RV industry. The Company's common stock is listed on the New York, Chicago and Pacific Stock Exchanges and traded under the symbol WGO. Options for the Company's common stock are traded on the Chicago Board Options Exchange. Visit Winnebago Industries' web site at [www.winnebagoind.com](http://www.winnebagoind.com). For access to Winnebago Industries investor relations material, to add your name to an automatic email list for Company news releases or for information on a new dollar-based stock investment service for the Company's stock, visit, [www.winnebagoind.com/investor\\_relations.htm](http://www.winnebagoind.com/investor_relations.htm).