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STEP-UPP and board dinner kicks off Southern Innovations

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NASHVILLE, TN — The [Southeast Produce Council](#) kicked off Southern Innovations 2022 with the STEP-UPP and board of directors dinner Wednesday evening, Sept. 21, at Acme Feed & Seed, here.

SEPC Chairman of the Board Rania Nelson of Westfalia Fruit welcomed everyone to the event, and then she introduced Mike Roberts of Harps Food Stores and Gary Baker of MDI, who recognized the STEP-UPP class.

The dinner was held one day prior to the official opening of Southern Innovations, taking place Sept. 22-24 at the Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center, here.

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Gordon M. Hochberg was born in New York City, and grew up in Westchester County, NY. He earned a bachelor of arts degree in history from Lafayette College in 1973.

He started his career at The Produce News in the late 1970s, and has been with the publication ever since.

He served on the Board of Trustees of the New Jersey Agricultural Society from 2012 to 2018. He currently serves on the Southeast Produce Council's Board of Governors.

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