

Ottawa, Ontario July 11, 2007 - At its Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday June 19, 2007, the Canadian Printing Industries Sector Council (CPISC) set the stage for its future activities by building on its successful first year and re-electing its current Board of Directors to continue achieving its goals.

The CPISC First Annual Report, *Press Check*, provides an overview of the major activities and initiatives the Council undertook in its first full year of operation while recognizing the achievements of the current Board of Directors. The report also highlights, as the key milestone for 2006, developing the groundwork for the creation of national skill standards, labour market intelligence and a review of education and training programs.

With an eye to building on the solid foundation established over the past year, CPISC re-elected its current Board of Directors for a second term. "The next year will be critical in building our credibility within the sector by achieving results and putting in place programs and services that will make a difference," said Marie Eveline, Executive Director. Continuity in Board composition was identified as central to meeting CPISC's goals.

"All Board members bring to their position many years of varied experience which will undoubtedly prove extremely beneficial in this leadership role and in ensuring that CPISC's key objectives are met" returning CPISC Co-Chair, Duncan Brown stated. "This is an opportunity to pool the strengths and resources of everyone involved and make significant improvements to the printing and graphics communications industry over the next few years."

Following the meeting, CPISC Co-Chair, Jeff Ekstein declared that he is "pleased by the calibre of individuals who will continue to serve on the Board of Directors" and "is looking forward to seeing the outputs of the current research activities and sharing them with all of the members of our industry."

The 2007-2008 CPISC Board of Directors and Ex Officio members are as follows:

Duncan Brown, National Director, CEP Graphical Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Union of Canada, Ottawa, ON

Jeff Ekstein, CEO and President, Willow Printing Group Ltd., Concord, ON

Bob Elliott, President, CPIA/ACI, Ottawa, ON

Andrea Chan, Human Resources, Webcom Inc., Toronto, ON

Alex Charles, President, CEP Local 525G, Vancouver, BC

Mike Drimmie, Vice-President, CEP Local 591-G, Toronto, ON

Abe Giesbrecht, Training Coordinator, Friesens, Altona, MB

Michel Handfield, President, CEP Local 145, Longueuil, QC

Robert S. Kadis, CA, Markham, ON

John Webster, President, CEP Local 900G, Winnipeg, MB

Michel Cliche, General Manager, Comité sectoriel de main-d'oeuvre du Québec, Montréal, QC

Brian Ellis, Marketing Director, Heidelberg Canada Graphic Equipment Ltd., Mississauga, ON

Willem Sijpheer, Journalism and Digital Graphics Communications, SAIT Polytechnic, Calgary, AB

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