

Ottawa, Ontario June 17, 2008 - At its Annual General Meeting held on Thursday, June 12, 2008, the Canadian Printing Industries Sector Council (CPISC) set the stage for its future activities by building on a second successful year and electing its Board of Directors.

The CPISC Annual Report, Press Check 07/08, provides an overview of the major activities and initiatives the Council undertook in its second year of operation. The report also highlights, as the key milestones for 2007, the creation of national press skill standards, a review of education and training programs and the establishment of a database of labour market information on the sector.

Commenting on the elected Board of Directors, returning CPISC Co-Chair Duncan Brown stated: "All Board members bring to their position many years of experience which prove extremely beneficial in ensuring that CPISC's key objectives are met". "This is an opportunity to make significant improvements to the printing and graphics communications industry."

Following the meeting, CPISC Co-Chair, Jeff Ekstein declared that he is "looking forward to seeing the outputs of the current research activities and sharing them with all of the members of our industry."

The 2008-2009 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

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

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

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

Stéphane Daigneault, Vice-President, CEP Local 145, Longueuil, QC

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

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

Abe Giesbrecht, Training Coordinator, Friesens, Altona, MB

Robert Kadis, Vice-President, Finance and Administration, Harmony Printing Ltd. Toronto, ON

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

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

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