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Hydrogen Association Announces New Chairman, Vice Chairman and Directors

Washington, DC – At this year's NHA Annual Hydrogen Conference and Hydrogen Expo US the membership of the National Hydrogen Association (NHA) brought renewed strength to the Association with the election of eight new Directors, a new Chairman and Vice Chairman. The new Board of Directors elected Chairman, Phil Baxley, President of Houston-based Shell Hydrogen LLC, and Vice Chairman Harold I (Bud) Beebe, Program Manager and Regulatory Affairs Coordinator for Advanced, Renewable and Distributed Generation Technologies Group at the Sacramento Municipal Utility District.

"Each year, we thrive on the energy brought to the Association through the leadership of our Board of Directors," said Jeff Serfass, President of the National Hydrogen Association. "This year, we are happy to welcome new directors from a variety of sectors which represent the diversity and growth potential of the hydrogen industry."

The new directors include: Anthony Boccanfuso, Director of Research and Economic Development at the University of South Carolina; Robert Friedland, Senior Vice President of the Hydrogen Technology Group for Proton Energy Systems; Michael Holmes, Deputy Associate Director of the Energy and Environmental Research Center at the University of North Dakota; Jeffrey Jacobs, Vice President of the Hydrogen Unit for Chevron Technology Ventures; Finis Southworth, Manager of the High Temperature Reactor Program at AREVA NP, Inc.; George Sverdrup, Technology Manager of the Hydrogen, Fuel Cells and Infrastructure Technologies Program for the National Renewable Energy Laboratory; Michael VanDerwerken, Business Development Manager at GE; and Shalom Zelingher, Chief Technology Development Officer for the New York Power Authority. Four Directors were also elected to the Executive Committee, a special leadership committee of the Board that includes the Chairman, Vice Chairman and representatives from the different member classes. These Executive Committee members include: Jaimie Levin, Director of Marketing and Alternative Fuels Policy for AC Transit; Bruce Logan, Director of the Hydrogen Energy Center at the Pennsylvania State University; Mike McGowan, Director for Hydrogen Energy, Global Business Development at BOC; and C.E. Sandy Thomas, President of H2Gen Innovations.

A list of the complete Board of Directors is attached.

About the National Hydrogen Association: The National Hydrogen Association (NHA) is the Nation's premier hydrogen trade organization led by 100 companies dedicated to supporting the transition to hydrogen. Efforts are focused on education and outreach, policy, safety and codes and standards. Since 1989, the NHA has served as a catalyst for information exchange and cooperative projects and continues to provide the setting for mutual support among industry, research and government organizations.
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