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MI-Connection seats new board members, elects officers

DAVIDSON, N.C. – The MI-Connection Board of Directors has seated new board members and elected new officers, including a new Chairman.

At a meeting of the board last night, John Kasberger, former Chairman, and member Rick Howard stepped down from their posts, and Huntersville communications executive Brett Ellis took a seat on the board. Also officially seated were Davidson Town Manager Leamon Brice, Mooresville Interim Town Manager Erskine Smith and former non-voting Cornelius representative Steve Miller, although Smith and Miller were unable to attend. Members Dawn Huston and Ken Essex also returned to serve another term on the board.

Former Treasurer John Venzon was unanimously elected to be the new Chairman of the Board. Venzon, a Davidson resident, is the President of AdvantaClean Systems of Huntersville and a former Bank of America Senior Vice President. He has been a member of the MI-Connection Board since September 2009 and has served as Treasurer for the board for the past year.

Venzon thanked both Kasberger and Howard for their leadership, vision and dedication to both MI-Connection and to their communities. “Both John and Rick have been incredible assets to our board, and we will miss them greatly,” he said. “Thanks in great part to their dedication to MI-Connection, the system continues to grow stronger, and its prospects for the future are promising.”

The board also elected Ellis to serve as Board Treasurer. Ellis, the board’s newest member, is Vice-President of Business Planning and Financial Reporting for Charlotte-based FairPoint Communications, Inc. He has eight years of experience in the communications industry and holds a masters degree in accounting.

Dawn Huston was also elected by the board to serve as secretary. Huston, a Mooresville resident and board member since October 2009, is the Senior Marketing Manager for Deb Group and has worked for Rubbermaid and Solo Cup Company. Huston succeeds Ken Essex in the position of secretary.

The new board members were approved by the Mooresville Board of Commissioners on Monday, April 4 and by the Davidson Board of Commissioners on Tuesday, April 12.

The transition of members off of and onto the board comes at an opportune time: The towns recently approved a revised interlocal agreement which increased the number of board members and established a new appointment process. The revised interlocal allows the members to now serve staggered terms. Venzon, Ellis and Huston will all serve two-year terms; Essex and Miller will serve one-year terms. All members will serve in an at-large capacity. In future years, all board members will serve two-year terms.

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