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“FPCBP Welcomes New Board of Directors”

Federation of Portuguese Canadian Business and Professionals (FPCBP) selected the 2007 Board of Directors at the FPCBP Annual General Meeting (AGM). The event took place on Tuesday March 20, 2007 at 6:00 pm at Lisboa à Noite in Toronto, Ontario.

FPCBP is governed by a board of twelve directors and three trustees. Six out of the twelve directors of the 2006 FPCBP board make up the current FPCBP Board of Directors:

Executive

President: Lena Barreto (Branch Manager, RBC Financial Group)

Vice-President: Avelino Fonseca (Owner, Trican Masonry)

Secretary: Francine Antonio (Communications Advisor, City of Toronto)

Directors

Paul Silva (Claims Counsel, Stewart Title Guaranty)

Eunice Machado (Associate Lawyer, Cassels Brock & Blackwell)

Teresa Melo (Branch Manager, Scotiabank)

FPCBP is pleased to announce and cordially welcome the six new FPCBP Directors as follows:

- (1) **Cristina Marques**, Co-owner, Dreamcoast Homes, has been an entrepreneur in the Portuguese Community since 1975. Ms. Marques is also active in various initiatives, some of which include, being a member of the Assessment Review Board, Chair of the Advisory Board of General Arts & Sciences Department at Humber College and President of the Federal Liberal Riding – Davenport.
- (2) **Josie Caldas**, Law Student, Queens University, has been extensively involved with the community working at local community centers since she was 16. Ms. Caldas has a Bachelor of Business Administration from the Schulich School of Business at York University, where she specialized in Marketing. She also spent six months studying at L'Institut Européen d'Etudes Commerciales Supérieures de Strasbourg in Strasbourg, France.
- (3) **Fernando Martins**, Lawyer, currently has his own law practice in the heart of the Portuguese community. Mr. Martins specializes in immigration, employment and criminal law. He is also an active member of the Portuguese Canadian Lawyers Association.
- (4) **Jude Fernandes**, Team Lead, MGS, is employed by the Government of Ontario to provide support and services to various political projects. Mr. Fernandes has a background of life-long learning, with degrees in physiology, biochemistry, marketing management, computer networks, project management and masters in business specializing in corporate culture.
- (5) **Lu Amaral, Vice-President, bcpbank Canada**, has an extensive background in the financial sector. She has held senior positions in the areas of personal, commercial, private banking and investments. Ms. Amaral is a Delegate of the Portuguese Canadian National Congress and an active member of Vasco Da Gama Cultural Centre of Brampton.
- (6) **Sergio Ruivo, Chartered Accountant**, and new **FPCBP Treasurer**, has over 20 years experience in public accounting/management consulting. Mr. Ruivo spent several years within industry in senior financial roles, before moving into the commodity sales tax consulting field. Through his practice, Mr. Ruivo is dedicated to serving the needs of the Portuguese business community.

“I am truly excited to be in the company of so many astute individuals” says Lena Barreto, new FPCBP President, “I am looking forward to a dynamic and exciting year with the 2007 Board of Directors.” The FPCBP 2007 Board wishes to thank the membership for past support along with encouraging all to be actively involved in FPCBP’s activities and initiatives; additionally we will gratefully welcome the assistance of any volunteers for the various FPCBP sub-committees.

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The FPCBP also appoints Silvia Jacinto, Tax Manager, Mintz & Partners LLP and Ana Bailao, AVP, **bcp**bank Canada, as Trustees for the 2007 Board of Directors. The third Trustee will be announced at the next FPCBP Board of Directors meeting, where one board member will be elected into this position as per FPCBP by-laws.

Amongst others, establishing solid networking opportunities, providing valuable business forums and encouraging academic excellence has been at the heart of the FPCBP agenda. It is the objective of this current board to uphold the integrity of FPCBP and serve its members accordingly.

For more information about FPCBP and its many other events please contact the FPCBP office at (416) 537-8874 or email info@fpcbp.com. Please visit the newly developed FPCBP website at www.fpcbp.com.

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