AICC Elects Officers and Directors for 2014-2015 Membership Year; Names Emerging Leader Delegates

ALEXANDRIA, Va. -- Members of the AICC – The Independent Packaging Association elected the following slate of officers and directors at the Association’s annual meeting, September 28-October 1, in Long Beach, Calif. The slate was approved by acclamation during the general session held Tuesday, September 30.

In addition to the regular slate of directors, the membership of AICC also named two delegates from the Association’s Emerging Leaders group, Justin Mathes of Vanguard Packaging in Kansas City, and Sahar Mehrabzadeh-Garcia of Bay Cities in Pico Rivera, Calif. Jim Haglund, retiring as the Association’s Overseas Director after 12 years of service, received the AICC “Independent Ambassador Award,” and Paul Vishny, founding General Counsel, who served AICC for 40 years from the day of its founding, received a special tribute in gratitude for his service.

The voting members of the Board of Directors are officers or employees of AICC’s regular-member companies, and AICC’s Associate (supplier) members are represented by one voting member. AICC’s Officers and Directors for 2014-2015 are: (NOTE: SP=Sheet Plant; CP=Corrugator Plant SS=Sheet Supplier; RB=Rigid Box; FC=Folding Carton)

**OFFICERS**

*Chairman*
Greg Tucker  
Bay Cities (SP)  
Pico Rivera, California

*Vice Chairman*
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Richmond Corrugated (SP)  
Richmond, Virginia

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Tyler Howland  
Sound Packaging LLC/CorrPros (CP)  
Chandler, Arizona

*Vice Chairman*
Jim Nelson  
Great Lakes Packaging Corp. (SP)  
Germantown, Wisconsin

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**Vice Chairman**
Tony Schleich
American Packaging Corp. (SP)
Hutchinson, Kansas

**Immediate Past Chairman**
Mark Mathes
Vanguard Companies (SP)
Kansas City, Missouri

**Chairman, Past Chairmen’s Council**
Chuck Fienning
Sumter Packaging Corp. (SP)
Sumter, South Carolina

**President**
A. Steven Young
AICC Headquarters
Alexandria, Virginia

**Secretary/General Counsel**
David P. Goch
Webster, Chamberlain & Bean
Washington, DC

**Counsel Emeritus**
Paul H. Vishny, Esq.
Chicago, Illinois

**ADVISOR(S) TO THE CHAIRMAN**
Jerry Frisch
Wasatch Container (SP)
North Salt Lake, Utah

Kim Nelson
Royal Containers Ltd. (SP)
Brampton, Ontario, Canada

**REGIONAL DIRECTORS**

**Region Two**
Matt Davis
Packaging Express (SP)
Colorado Springs, Colorado

**Region Three**
Kevin Ausburn
SMC Packaging Group (CP)
Springfield, Missouri

**Region Four**
Eric Elgin
Oklahoma Interpak (SP)
Muskogee, Oklahoma

**Region Five**
Jeffrey Ramsey
Central Florida Box Corp. (SP)
Lake Mary, Florida

**Region Six**
Clay Shaw
Batavia Container Inc. (SP)
Batavia, Illinois

**Region Seven**
Finn MacDonald
Independent II (SP)
Louisville, Kentucky

**Region Eight**
John Forrey
Specialty Industries/NuPak Printing (SP/FC)
Red Lion, Pennsylvania

**Region Nine**
VACANT – To be filled by the Board

**Region Ten**
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**Region Eleven-Twelve (AICC Canada)**
John Franciosa
McLeish/Corr-a-Box/Coyle Packaging Group
Rexdale, Ontario, Canada

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Region Fourteen (AICC Mexico)
Yair Caballero
CorrEmpaques
Queretaro, Mexico

OVERSEAS DIRECTOR
Kim Nelson
Royal Containers Ltd. (SP)
Brampton, Ontario, Canada

DIRECTORS AT LARGE
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Jamestown Container Companies (SP)
Macedonia, Ohio

Brad Albright
Touchpoint Packaging (SP)
Seymour, Indiana

Jay Carman
Stand Fast Group (SP)
Addison, Illinois

Al Hoodwin
Michigan City Paper Box (RB)
Michigan City, Indiana

Jana Harris
Harris Packaging Corp./American Carton (FC)
Haltom City and Mansfield, Texas

Marco Ferrara
Cartones Sultana (CP)
Monterrey, Mexico

EMERGING LEADER DELEGATES
Justin Mathes
Vanguard Packaging (SP)
Kansas City, Missouri

Sahar Mehrabzadeh-Garcia
Bay Cities (SP)
Pico Rivera, California

ASSOCIATE MEMBER DIRECTORS
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Bobst
Roseland, New Jersey

Vice Chairman
Keith Umlauf
Haire Group
Merrillville, Indiana

Secretary
Jeff Pallini
Fosber America
Green Bay, Wisconsin

Director
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Equipment Finance Corp.
Alpharetta, Georgia

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Automatan
Plover, Wisconsin

RETIRING DIRECTORS
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Akers Packaging Service
Middletown, Ohio

Ryan Chappell
US Corrugated
Monroe, Louisiana

Stuart Fenkel
McLean Packaging
Pennsauken, New Jersey

James E. Haglund
Central Package & Display
Minneapolis, Minnesota

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