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### **OTEC ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD & CHAIR**

#### **OTEC elects new Board at the OTEC (Ontario Tourism Education Corporation) Annual General Meeting in Toronto.**

##### **Toronto**

At the October 19<sup>th</sup> AGM, OTEC elected the Directors for the 2009 -10 term. Vicki Behune Lymburner, OTEC President & CEO says "OTEC is very fortunate to have this outstanding group of industry leaders who represent sectors such as education, tourism, hospitality, technology, facilities, and transportation dedicated to providing strategic guidance to the organization over the next year and beyond."

Newly elected as Chair is Mr. Alister Mathieson, Dean, School of Hospitality, Recreation and Tourism, Humber College Institute of Technology & Advanced Learning, a leading culinary and hospitality institution in Ontario. Ms. Beatrice Schmied, formerly CEO of Ontario Public Transit Association and currently President, Schmied Communications, becomes Past Chair. Ms. Schmied will continue to advise OTEC in the areas of Accessibility and Transportation Training programs. Mr. Anthony Hopkins, President, Anthony Hopkins & Associates, a Human Resource Consulting Company, becomes Vice Chair, and Mr. Paul Dinner, formerly of the Royal Bank of Canada will continue as Treasurer. Ms. Anne Marshall, Elmhirst's Resort, leaves the post of Vice Chair to become Industry Liaison, and serves to represent the resort and tourism business sector.

Joining OTEC as new Directors are:

- Ms. Robin Garrett, President & CEO, OTMPC (Ontario Tourism Marketing Partnership Corporation)
- Mr. Tony Elenis, President & CEO, ORHMA (Ontario Restaurant Hotel Motel Association)
- Dr. David Martin, Director, Ted Rogers School of Hospitality and Tourism Management, Ryerson University
- Ms. Kerry Painter, President & General Manager, Niagara Convention & Civic Center
- Mr. Victor Cheng; President & CEO, ILogic Inc.

According to Alister Mathieson, OTEC's new Chair "the addition of these Board members will further strengthen OTEC's strategic role as being the leading provider of tourism and service industry human resource solutions in Ontario. Their expertise and experience is a key asset and will be instrumental in assisting the OTEC team to become an integral part in the execution of the plans evolving out of the Ontario Tourism Competitiveness Study".

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OTEC will also benefit from the continued involvement of the following Board members whose terms were renewed. Mr. Fred Lawlor, formerly Vice President Procurement, Fairmont Raffles Hotels International and Mr. Darrell Jarvis, Counsel, Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP.

### **About OTEC**

OTEC is an independent, not-for-profit training and human resource development organization which has evolved from the 2005 consolidation of the Ontario Tourism Education Corporation (OTEC) established in 1991, and Customer Service Excellence Corporation (CSEC) established in 2001. Originally formed through a partnership with industry, government, associations, labour, and education to offer training programs, standards, certification and employment development programs for the tourism and hospitality sectors, the organization continues with these mandates, but has expanded to provide an extensive range of “Customer Service & Management” training programs for a variety of sectors and clients.

OTEC is also Ontario’s representative on the Canadian Tourism Human Resource Council (CTHRC), the national sector council for tourism, funded by Human Resources and Social Development Canada (HRSDC), and is the human resource/workforce development organization and tourism sector council for the Province of Ontario. OTEC is the certifying body for tourism occupations and represents the labour, skills development, training, and human resource issues of the sector.

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