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C-SPAN BOARD MEETS

Network's Directors Approve Carriage Policy Resolution, Elect New Members

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The C-SPAN Board of Directors, during their annual Washington meeting Tuesday, unanimously passed a resolution setting cable systems carriage guidelines for C-SPAN II, the network's U.S. Senate service.

In other actions, the 37-member panel approved the addition of one seat, recognized five new representatives from existing Board member companies, and gave a formal nod to Sammons Communications President James Whitson, who begins a one-year term as chairman of the network's nine-member Executive Committee.

The C-SPAN II resolution, which the Board calls "principles for cable system carriage," states that:

- 1) No cable system may carry C-SPAN II in whole or in part unless the primary C-SPAN network is on the same system, and
- 2) no cable system may "cherry pick" programming from C-SPAN II to substitute for the programming on the primary C-SPAN network.

C-SPAN chairman Brian Lamb said that the unanimous resolution sent a "strong signal of support" for the new service, which will transmit the Senate's televised debates over Satcom 3R, transponder 19 beginning June 2. The C-SPAN II service is offered free of charge to C-SPAN affiliates.

The five new representatives for existing Board member companies include Kenneth Bagwell, Executive Vice President, Operations, for Storer Communications; David Oman, VP of Development for Heritage Communications; Sheila Mahony, VP, Government Relations for Cablevision Systems Corporation; John Sie, Senior VP, Tele-Communications, Inc.; and Centel Cable Television's Operations Vice President, David Bohmer.

Finally, outgoing C-SPAN Executive Committee Chairman John P. Frazee, Jr., President and Chief Operating Officer of the Centel Corporation, was voted a new seat on the network's Board. Mr. Frazee's seat was authorized by the passage of a resolution which extended special two-year terms to retiring chairmen.

This resolution, Mr. Lamb noted, was a "recognition of Mr. Frazee's energetic and enthusiastic chairmanship of C-SPAN." Mr. Frazee, Lamb added, hopes to continue his efforts on the network's behalf by promoting the use of C-SPAN in education.

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