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**Hasseltine named new board chair of the National Association of Sports Commissions**

***Six new board members elected***

LOUISVILLE (May 20, 2013) -- At the annual Symposium of the National Association of Sports Commissions, Terry Hasseltine, CSEE, of the Maryland Office of Sports, was elected board chair of the organization.

Hasseltine is currently the Executive Director of the Maryland Office of Sports and was appointed to this role in 2008 by Governor Martin O’Malley. Since his appointment, Hasseltine has been instrumental in spearheading various bid-development and event-support opportunities for the state related to these events: 2014 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships – Deep Creek 2014; 2018/2022 FIFA World Cup ™ Bid; 2010, 2011 and 2014 NCAA Men’s Lacrosse National Championships; World Football Challenge and other International Soccer Friendlies; Dew Tour; 2014-16 CAA Men’s Basketball Tournament, 2013 CONCACAF Gold Cup and the 2011, Grand Prix of Baltimore; Neutral Site Collegiate Football Games; 2014 and 2016 Army-Navy Games.

Hasseltine has served the NASC in several capacities: first ever NGB/Rights Holder to serve on the NASC Board of Directors (2003-04); elected to the NASC Board of Directors in 2007 in the active member category and now serves as the Chair of the NASC Executive Committee.

Joining Hasseltine on the executive committee is: Gary Alexander, Nashville Sports Council, Immediate Past Chair, Kevin Smith, CSEE, St. Petersburg/Clearwater Sports Commission, Vice Chair/Chair Elect, Greg Ayers, CSEE, Discover Kalamazoo, Treasurer, and Ralph Morton, CSEE Seattle Sports Commission, Secretary.

New board members were also elected and they include: John Gibbons, CSEE, Rhode Island Sports Commission, Michael Price, CSEE, Greater Lansing Sports Authority, Janis Schmees Burke, CSEE, Harris County - Houston Sports Authority and Holly Shelton, CSEE, Oklahoma City Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Also, Rick Hatcher, CSEE joins the board representing Allied Representatives and Jeff Jarnecke, NCAA, representing Rights Holder Representatives.

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