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COMMON MEMBERSHIP ELECTS NEW BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2010 – 2011

May 2010 – COMMON, the world's largest users group of midrange IBM and IBM-compatible technology, announced election results for their 2010–2011 Board of Directors. The winners comprise of one Board member that was re-elected to his second three-year terms, Jim Oberholtzer, and two new members, Kevin Mort and Pete Helgren.

"I would like to congratulate Pete Helgren, Kevin Mort, and Jim Oberholtzer, and look forward to working with them," said Pete Massiello, newly elected COMMON Board President. "The time commitment required to oversee a user group like ours is substantial and they, as well as all of COMMON's volunteers, are making a significant personal sacrifice to ensure COMMON stays relevant to its members. I would also like to thank all COMMON members that took the time to vote in this year's election."

The officers of the 2010 - 2011 COMMON Board of Directors include President, Pete Massiello, Executive Vice President, Trevor Perry, Treasurer, Jim Oberholtzer, Secretary, Dan Kimmel and Immediate Past President, Wayne Madden.

Pete Helgren

Currently is Senior Consultant/President of Value Added Software, Inc. Pete is also an RPG/C++/VB/Java programmer with over 20 years of system 3X/AS400/iSeries experience. He holds certifications as an IBM Certified Specialist -- iSeries Solution Sales eServer i5 and eServer i5 iSeries Single System Administration and an MCSE. His passion has always been in system integration and currently focuses on Open Source applications and integration activities. He has had previous lives as a Regional Training and Support manager for Pearson Plc and HR Director for Meridian School District, Meridian, ID and as a Peace Corps Volunteer.

Kevin Mort

Kevin Mort is VP, Dynamic Infrastructure Solutions for IBM partner Flagship Solutions Group, in Boca Raton, Florida. He also represents his own firm GlobalMind Technology Consulting. Previously, Kevin spent over nine years as Systems Engineer with IBM partner Arrow Electronics. Kevin holds several certifications on IBM i, AIX and Lotus Software. With COMMON, Kevin is a speaker, SME, and member of the CaN and JAC. Kevin holds a BA from Indiana University, Bloomington and resides in South Florida with his wife. In his spare time he is "WebMunster" for Frankeni.com, an avid golfer and motorsports fan.

Jim Oberholtzer

Starting as a Programmer/Analyst in the early 1980s, Jim has worked in positions of increasing responsibility achieving the level of Vice President of Technology at United

States Bowling Congress. Most recently he has started a company to provide consulting services in Agile/Scrum development and infrastructure to customers in the IBM Power Systems family. For COMMON, he has been a volunteer starting as a session monitor, then speaker, and then the Strategic Education Team and finally on the Board as Executive Vice President and several other positions.

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