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**NPES ELECTS NEW CHAIRMAN AND DIRECTORS  
AT 2007 ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

**Reston, VA** – NPES The Association for Suppliers of Printing, Publishing and Converting Technologies elected a new chairman and directors during its business meeting on November 4 at the organization's 2007 Annual Conference in San Diego, California.

Henry "Hank" A. Brandtjen III, president of Brandtjen & Kluge Inc., was elected chairman at the 2007 NPES Annual Conference. He succeeds Thomas Saggiomo, president & CEO of Agfa Corporation, who continues to serve on the board's Executive Committee.

Brandtjen's career in the graphic communications industry has spanned more than two decades. After earning BA degrees in both Economics and English from Whitman College 1981, and a Masters of Business Administration from the University of Minnesota, he joined Brandtjen & Kluge in 1984, later assuming the presidency in 1992. He is the fourth generation of the Brandtjen family to work at the company, which has manufactured graphic communications printing and finishing equipment since 1919. Brandtjen is a former board member of the Foil Stamping and Embossing Association and has served on various NPES committees, most recently the Board's 2007 Executive Committee.

Four new directors were also elected to the NPES Board:

- Vincent Lapinski, CEO, MAN Roland Inc.
- Stephen Metcalf, President, Air Motion Systems
- Karl Puehringer, CEO, Baldwin Technology Company Inc.
- Steven Reny, President, Standard Finishing Systems.

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James Martin, senior vice president of marketing at Heidelberg USA, re-elected as a director on the board, is the newly elected treasurer. Ralph J. Nappi was re-elected as president, and NPES' William K. Smythe Jr. and Mark J. Nuzzaco were re-elected as vice president and secretary, respectively.

Other directors re-elected to the board were:

- Bruce Goodwin, President, Glunz & Jensen Inc.
- Jochen Meissner, Executive VP and COO, Goss International Corporation
- Ulrik Nygaard, President and CEO, Baumfolder Corporation
- John St. John, President, Systems Technology, Inc.

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NPES is a U.S. trade association representing more than 400 companies that manufacture and distribute equipment, software and supplies used across the workflow of printing, publishing and converting processes. NPES is a co-sponsor of PRINT<sup>®</sup> and GRAPH EXPO<sup>®</sup> – the largest and most comprehensive prepress, printing, converting, package printing, binding and finishing, mailing and fulfillment, and offset and digital equipment trade show and conference in the Americas. Complete information about the association, its programs and member companies, is available online at: [www.npes.org](http://www.npes.org), by phone: 703-264-7200, or fax: 703-620-0994.