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## ***Maine Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives names 2012 slate of officers***

### ***Revised structure for regional representation builds foundation for statewide business community collaboration***

AUGUSTA, ME – At its recent Fall Leadership Conference, the Maine Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives (MACCE) voted in its 2012 slate of officers and several of its regional representatives. Together, they make up the organization's volunteer board of directors and will serve a one-year term.

**MACCE OFFICERS:**

President:	Steven Wallace, Southern Midcoast Maine Chamber
Vice President:	Theresa Fowler, Central Aroostook Chamber of Commerce
Treasurer:	Bud Harmon, Old Orchard Beach Chamber of Commerce
Secretary:	Eleanor Vadenais, Wells Chamber of Commerce
Immediate Past President:	Barbara Clark, Sebago Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce

**REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES:**

Region 1 – Aroostook County:	Michael Bosse, Fort Fairfield Chamber of Commerce
Region 2 – Downeast & Acadia:	Currently Vacant
Region 3 – Mid-Coast:	Steven Wallace, Southern Midcoast Maine Chamber
Region 4 – Greater Portland & Casco Bay:	Deb King, Greater Freeport Chamber
Region 5 – The Maine Beaches:	Jim Fitzgerald, Kennebunk-Kennebunkport Chamber of Commerce
Region 6 – Maine Lakes & Mountains:	Robin Zinchuk, Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce
Region 7 – Kennebec & Moose River Valleys:	Kim Lindlof, Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce
Region 8 – The Maine Highlands:	Karen Cole, Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce

“My goal for the upcoming year is to build and strengthen the traditional relationships local and regional chambers have with their business communities,” noted incoming MACCE President Steven Wallace of the Southern Midcoast Maine Chamber. “More importantly, we want to identify ventures that will build new collaborations for the future. Maine’s ‘new economic reality’ demands a new set of tools be found to help local businesses succeed; I believe Maine’s chambers of commerce are uniquely positioned to meet that charge.”

“Maine’s business community is very fortunate to have strong, vibrant chambers of commerce throughout the state,” notes Dana Connors, president of the Maine State Chamber of Commerce. “When I visit with other state chamber president’s throughout the U.S., I am always reminded that we are truly blessed to have such a collaborative relationship between the state chamber and the local and regional chambers. Together, Maine will remain prosperous and engaged in the global economy.”

### **About the Maine Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives...**

An affiliate of the Maine State Chamber of Commerce, MACCE provides a forum for chamber executives to share ideas, network with peers, and build partnerships with other chambers of commerce across Maine. At its biannual conferences, members gain access to professional development and educational opportunities designed specifically for the needs of Maine’s chamber of commerce executives.

For decades, the Maine Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives has been a leader in promoting personal development and professionalism within the field of chamber of commerce management. The association has provided job-related educational programs for chamber presidents, executive directors, and members of the boards of directors of local chambers. This has occurred in group settings and through individual visits to specific chamber locations.

For more information about MACCE, please contact Amy Downing by calling (207) 623-4568, ext. 104, or by emailing [macce@mainechamber.org](mailto:macce@mainechamber.org).

### **About the Maine State Chamber of Commerce...**

The Maine State Chamber of Commerce represents a diverse network of 5,000 businesses statewide and advocates on behalf of their interests before the Legislature and regulatory agencies and through conferences, seminars, and affiliated programs. Through its OneVoice program and collaboration with local and regional chambers throughout the state, the Maine State Chamber represents thousands of businesses with fewer than 10 employees. Its Grassroots Action Network works to involve members and their employees in the legislative process through outreach campaigns.

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