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MEDC Elects Officers

The following officers and directors were elected by the Mississippi Economic Development Council membership recently:

Officers

Rick Byars, Jackson	President
George Freeland, Pascagoula	President Elect
Dianne Newman, Clinton	Secretary / Treasurer
Marie Shoemake, Collins	Vice President Chamber of Commerce
Christy Knapp, Oxford	Vice President Community Development
Timothy P. Coursey, Canton	Vice President Economic Development
Jason Brookins, Jackson	Immediate Past-President

Newly elected to the MEDC board of directors for 2006-2008 were Sue Stidham, Winona, and Larry Barnett, Gulfport. Re-elected to the board were Garrick W. Combs, Meadville; David P. Rumbarger, Tupelo; and David Vowell, Philadelphia.

Other board members with terms through 2007 are Dr. Angeline Godwin, Hattiesburg; Blair Jernigan, Clarksdale; Alecia Crawford, Meridian; Chandler Russ, Tupelo. Ex-Officio board members are Angie Cognevich, Hattiesburg, SEDC Director, and Leland Speed, Mississippi Development Authority Director.

The Mississippi Economic Development Council is the association of economic development and chamber of commerce professionals from across the state. MEDC members work closely with state and local government officials to improve the state's competitiveness in the pursuit of new jobs. Programs are sponsored to educate local elected officials regarding the mechanics of economic and industrial development. MEDC encourages professionalism among its

members through carefully planned meetings and by awarding scholarships for courses in economic development.