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Chambers of the Northeast Announces New Officers

Edenton – CONE, or Chambers of the Northeast, met recently in Edenton and elected new officers for the regional chamber group. CONE members represent more than 3,000 businesses in the Northeast Region and are supported by North Carolina's Northeast Commission.

Chambers of the Northeast is pleased to announce that Allen Purser, President of the Roanoke Valley Chamber of Commerce, representing businesses in Halifax and Northampton Counties, was selected as Chair for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. Sid Eley, Executive Director of the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce and Mayor of Hertford, was named Vice Chair.

After years of serving as chair of the regional chamber organization, John Bone, Executive Director of the Outer Banks Chamber, stepped down. During his tenure, the group set regional legislative agendas, and met regularly for professional development and regional collaboration.

CONE's overall mission is to provide professional development and support of local chambers of commerce by communicating opportunities through networking and education in cooperation with North Carolina's Northeast Commission.

Vann Rogerson, President/CEO of North Carolina's Northeast Commission stated, "As we work to diversify the economy and expand the capacity for higher impact jobs, we must all do our part to improve the resources and infrastructure in our region. Our regional chamber representatives bring new ideas and opportunities to their member businesses, thereby helping the entire region move forward."

About North Carolina's Northeast Commission:

North Carolina's Northeast Commission is dedicated to increasing the standard of living for citizens in its sixteen-county region through tourism, industrial, and business development. The 16 counties that comprise the regional Commission are: Beaufort, Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Halifax, Hertford, Hyde, Martin, Northampton, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell, and Washington. For more information about the North Carolina's Northeast Commission, contact us at www.ncnortheast.com.

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