



The VON Coalition

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Voice on the Net Coalition Announces New Leadership

A Voice For The VoIP Industry And The Policy Framework That Enables It

Washington, D.C. – The Voice on The Net (VON) Coalition, representing leading companies on the cutting edge of developing and delivering voice innovations over the Internet, today announced new leaders to help promote a policy framework that will allow consumers, businesses, and the economy to take full advantage of VoIP benefits.

The VON Coalition, celebrating its 10th anniversary in March, re-elected Staci Pies of PointOne as its President, elected Kathleen Ham of T-Mobile as its Chairman of the Board, elected Angela Simpson of Covad as Vice President, and re-elected Caitlin Clark-Zigmond of New Global Telecom as Treasurer.

In addition, the VON Coalition elected new board members including: Jonathan Draluck, iBasis; Kathleen Ham, T-Mobile; Christopher Libertelli, Skype; Chris Putala, Earthlink; and Angela Simpson, Covad. These are in addition to the Coalition's existing board members which include: Jonathan Askin, pulver.com; Paula Boyd, Microsoft; Jeff Campbell, Cisco; Marjorie Dickman, Intel; and Staci Pies, PointOne.

Jim Kohlenberger, the VON Coalition's Executive Director said, "As VoIP transforms the way we communicate, I am delighted the VON Coalition will have such an impressive group of forward-thinking industry leaders helping to shape the future. On the horizon are a set of transformative improvements in the way we communicate that harness the power of the Internet to deliver new voices, choices, and services. These leaders recognize that with the right policy framework, emerging Internet-based voice communications can boost broadband demand, make talking more affordable, businesses more productive, communications more accessible, and Americans more safe and secure."

About the VON Coalition:

The Voice on the Net or VON Coalition consists of leading VoIP companies, on the cutting edge of developing and delivering voice innovations over Internet. The coalition, which includes Acceris, AccessLine, AT&T, BMX, BT Americas, CallSmart, Cisco, Convedia, Covad, EarthLink, iBasis, Intel, Intrado, Verizon, Microsoft, MobilePro, Multi-Link, New Global Telecom, Openwave, Pandora Networks, PointOne, Pulver.com, Skype, Switch Business Solutions, T-Mobile USA, USA Datanet, VocalData and Veraz Networks, works to advance regulatory policies that enable Americans to take advantage of the full promise and potential of VoIP. The Coalition believes that with the right public policies, Internet based voice advances can make talking more affordable, businesses more productive, jobs more plentiful, the Internet more valuable, and Americans more safe and secure. Since its inception, the VON Coalition has promoted pragmatic policy choices for unleashing VoIP's potential. More information about the VON Coalition can be obtained at the following website: <http://www.von.org>