



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 elected Jonathan Askin of Pulver.com as its Chair of the Board, re-elected Staci Pies of PointOne as its President, Angela Simpson of Covad as Vice President and Caitlin Clark-Zigmond of New Global Telecom as Treasurer. The Coalition also elected Jamie Hedlund of Yahoo as Vice President of Legislative Affairs; Christopher Libertelli of Skype as Vice President of State Affairs, and Kevin Minsky of Microsoft as Vice President of International Affairs.

In addition, the VON Coalition held board elections and confirmed for 2 year terms the following board members: Jonathan Askin of pulver.com; Paula Boyd of Microsoft; Jeff Campbell of Cisco; Margie Dickman of Intel; Staci Pies of PointOne; Chris Reese of i3networks; and Rick Whitt of Google. These are in addition to the Coalition's existing board members which include: Kathleen Ham of T-Mobile; Christopher Libertelli of Skype; Chris Putala of Earthlink; and Angela Simpson of Covad.

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 AccessLine, AT&T, BMX, BT Americas, CallSmart, Cisco, Convedia, Covad, EarthLink, Google, iBasis, i3 Voice and Data, Intel, Intrado, Microsoft, New Global Telecom, Openwave, Pandora Networks, PointOne, Pulver.com, Skype, Switch Business Solutions, T-Mobile USA, United Online, USA Datanet, VocalData, Veraz Networks, and Yahoo! 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. <http://www.von.org>