



National Equipment Finance Association

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NEFA News Release

NEFA Announces Formation and 2009 Board of Directors

ATLANTA, GA – November 12, 2008 - The National Equipment Finance Association (NEFA) held its first Board meeting on November 4, 2008 in Atlanta. The NEFA formation was recently approved by the merger of the Eastern Association of Equipment Lessors (EAEL) and the United Association of Equipment Leasing (UAEL). The first order of business was the historic signing of the association's charter by the founding Board members. "It was really a special feeling to be involved with the new beginning of an "old" association", said Brent Hall of Pinnacle Business Finance, the NEFA's first President. "We have an excellent Board of Directors that is well suited for the hard work of merging the two associations. It is a pleasure to work with this very smart and capable group of people".

The Board agenda was very full and progress is being made on a fast pace on a variety of fronts. The association's new website is in formation and will be up and running shortly. Membership renewal invoices will be going out to members at the beginning of December. Plans are also well along for NEFA's 2009 Spring Leadership Conference in Orlando on April 23-26.

Bruce Winter of FSG Leasing, serving on NEFA's Executive Committee, said, "The progress and momentum we have made in such a short time is remarkable. It is an indication that this is a continuation of the best of both associations and not a start up organization at all. We are looking forward to continuing to provide excellent membership benefits to our current members and attract a lot of new members to this truly national organization."

Joe Woodley and Alison Pryor serving as Membership Directors are already busy communicating with current and prospective members and coordinating numerous year end regional functions. Committees for 2009 are in formation and members should contact Joe jwoodley@uael.org and Alison Alison@eael.org or NEFA Board members to learn about ways to be involved in NEFA.

2009 NEFA Board of Directors:

Brent Hall, CLP - Pinnacle Business Finance, Inc.

Brian Bjella - Grandview Financial, Inc.

George Parker - Leasing Technologies International, Inc.

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Chris Santy - Patriot Capital Corp.

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