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ACOM ELECTS NORMAN FORD 2007 PRESIDENT

Vicksburg Executive takes Office at ACOM Annual Conference in Toronto, ON

Princeton Junction, NJ – February 13, 2007 – The Association for Convention Operations Management (ACOM) recently announced its 2007 Board. Norman Ford, Director of Business & Operations for Vicksburg Convention Center & Vicksburg Auditorium, was elected President, Tina Stark was chosen as President-Elect, Lyan Tassler was selected as First Vice President, Marilyn Healey, CMP, was voted Second Vice President, and Eric Blanc, CMP, was designated Secretary/Treasurer. All officially took the helm during an awards ceremony held at the ACOM Annual Conference, January 5-7, 2007 at the Westin Harbour Castle in Toronto, ON. The conference was ACOM's first meeting held outside the United States.

"I have been with ACOM for many years and am truly honored to be elected as the new president. Together, ACOM and its membership have accomplished a great deal and helped many meetings industry professionals achieve great success throughout the years. I plan to continue this growing momentum and look forward to leading the association," said Ford. "ACOM is truly energized for 2007."

Ford succeeds Larry Wilson, General Manager for SMG of the John Paul Jones Arena at the University of Virginia, who served as the 2006 ACOM President. Wilson has been an active Board member and continues to play an integral role within the association, having served as an officer of the association since 2003.

Ford is the Director of Business and Operations for the Vicksburg Convention Center and the Vicksburg Auditorium. He is responsible for all financial and human resources aspects and operations activities at both facilities. He also periodically serves as Transition Team Leader and acting Executive Director of new accounts for Compass Facility Management. Ford is a 1986 graduate of Mississippi State University with degrees in Nuclear Engineering and in Business Administration. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Vicksburg and First Presbyterian Church of Vicksburg.

For more information about ACOM or if you are interested in attending the next ACOM Conference, ACOM University, which is being held in Las Vegas, NV from June 7-9, 2007, contact Lynn McCullough at (609) 799-3712 or email LMccullough@acomonline.org.

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About ACOM

The Association for Convention Operations Management (ACOM) was founded and incorporated as a not-for-profit organization in 1988 by William H. Just, CAE, CMP and is dedicated to advancing the practice of convention services management in the meetings industry, and to preparing Convention Service Management professionals for their critical role in the growth and success of their organizations. ACOM members hold many positions in convention and visitor bureaus, convention centers, conference centers, hotels and resorts including: convention service managers, housing managers, operations managers, event service coordinators, directors of convention/trade shows, catering managers and directors, facility managers, attraction/entertainment facilities, audio visual companies and decorator management companies.