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National Cued Speech Association Announces a New Term for Board of Directors

October 2, 2008—Bethesda, MD—The National Cued Speech Association (NCSA) proudly announces a new term of its Board of Directors, which commenced September 1, 2008. This three-year term marks the 25th year of the NCSA as the standard bearer of Cued Speech in the United States, and one of the premier leaders in advocating for cued languages around the world.

The Board of Directors includes many fresh faces, representing new ideas, new energy and a profound commitment to championing our goals of effective communication, language acquisition and literacy through the use of Cued Speech.

Executive officers include Past President Sarina Roffé, who laid the groundwork for this new Board to improve and expand upon. Joshua Libby is assuming the duties as NCSA President and Linda Polk is our new First Vice President. We also welcome the return of Polly Earl as Secretary and Marshall Dietz as Treasurer.

Our at-large directors are Aaron Rose (Camps and Affiliates), Hilary Franklin (Marketing and Public Relations), Jane Smith (Outreach), Susan Cofer (Director of Regional Representatives) and Scott Van Nice (Risk Management).

Regional representatives work with the families, organizations and individuals in their respective areas. Our representatives are:

- Capital Region: Steve Scher
- Great Lakes: Mary-Beth Robie
- Gulf Coast: Penny Hakim
- Mid-Atlantic: Isabelle Payonk and Esther Rimer
- Midwest: *vacant*
- New England: Nicole Dobson
- Northeast: Kristin Bergholtz
- Rocky Mountain: Lisa Weiss and Emily Dudas
- Southwest: Danielle Paquin
- West: Susan Price

The NCSA enjoys the continued service of its Executive Director, Amy Ruberl, who handles our day-to-day business and affairs. We are also seeking to fill three open positions: Vice President of Fundraising, Director of Government Liaison, and a regional representative for the Midwest.

The NCSA Board has a full agenda to accomplish, including securing additional congressional appropriations, forming a new committee charged with working with deaf education programs in the universities and public agencies throughout the country, and working on expanding the use and effectiveness of Cued Speech with individuals who have other learning and developmental disabilities, including, but not limited to, Down Syndrome and Autism Spectrum disorders.

The first meeting of this Board will be October 24-26, 2008 in Gaithersburg, Maryland.

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The National Cued Speech Association champions effective communication, language development and literacy through the use of Cued Speech. The NCSA launched the Deaf Children's Literacy Project in 1997. For more information contact info@cuedspeech.org or visit www.cuedspeech.org.