

Petroleum Board Welcomes One New Member And Two Re-appointed Members

Governor Bob Taft has appointed one new member and re-appointed two current members to the Petroleum UST Release Compensation Board.

Thomas G. (Tom) Stephenson has been appointed to the Board to represent petroleum marketers for a term ending July 2003. Mr. Stephenson will be replacing his father, Richard J. Stephenson, who resigned effective July 31, 2000. The newly appointed Mr. Stephenson is currently president and owner of Stephenson Oil Co., a marketer of Chevron and Marathon products located in Hamilton, Ohio. Stephenson Oil Co. supplies and operates car washes, convenience stores, and service stations as well as supplies home heating oil, industrial and commercial lubricants. He has been the owner of Stephenson Oil since 1991. Tom was elected to the Ohio Petroleum Marketers Association Board of Directors in 1992 and was Chairman from 1998 to 2000. He is certified by the State of Ohio as a tank Installer. Tom has been active and involved with local organizations as a past Board Member of the Butler County Y.M.C.A., the Hamilton Boy's and Girl's Club, the Mercy Franciscan at Schroder Manor, and as a past Deacon of Zion Lutheran Church in Hamilton. He graduated from Miami University with a Bachelor of Science in Marketing Management.

Sara L. Hendricker has been re-appointed to a third term on the Board as a representative of local governments. Ms. Hendricker's term expires in July 2003. Ms. Hendricker received her Masters degree in Political Science from Ohio University and a Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry from Austin College. Sara served as the Mayor of the City of Athens for eight years and also served on the Board of Trustees of the Ohio Mayor's Association. She is an active member of the International City Management Association and is currently Director of Research for the Ohio Municipal League.

Duane L. Cable was re-appointed to the Board as the representative with experience in property and casualty insurance for a term ending July 2003. Mr. Cable received his Bachelor of Arts from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, and earned the professional designations of Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriter (CPCU) and Associate Underwriter (AU). He has been employed by Motorists Insurance Companies for the past 20 years and is currently the manager of Product Development and Staff Underwriting for the Commercial Lines Division. Duane is also a member of the appeals committee for the Ohio FAIR plan.

The appointees will be joining members: Chairman James Rocco of Sage Risk Solutions; Vice Chairman John Hull of Hull & Assoc.; Donald Kuchta of Kuchta Bros.; Thomas Kmiec of Kmiec and Associates; Bob Teepen of Tanknology; Marilyn Ward of Wardway Fuels; and ex-officio members Gary Suhadolnik, Director, Ohio Department of Commerce; Paul Stiers representing Chris Jones, Director, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency; and Anthony Springer representing State Treasurer, Joseph T. Deters.