



BOMA Canada and BOMA International sign historic new Affiliation Agreement

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Ottawa, June 26, 2006 —The Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) Canada is pleased to announce that an historic new affiliation agreement with BOMA International has just been formally signed. The agreement was signed by Esther Paterson, President of BOMA Canada and David M. Hewett, Chairman of BOMA International, at the BOMA International Board of Governors meeting on Sunday, June 25, at the North American Commercial Real Estate Congress, in Dallas Texas.

This new affiliation agreement represents the launch of a new era for these associations and is the result of the strategic evolution of a long-standing relationship in North America. "This tremendously positive step forward now offers us the opportunity to invest in the growth and success of BOMA in Canada, the Canadian local associations and Canadian members." says Ms. Paterson. "The restructuring of our relationship with BOMA International will enable us to refocus resources and energy, to build a stronger BOMA at the local, Canadian and international levels, and provide enhanced value for all members of BOMA in Canada. Canadian dues dollars will be invested in Canadian programming and advocacy, and will enable us to focus directly on issues of interest and importance to Canadian members."

BOMA International and BOMA Canada have a long history of partnership and cooperation. Canadians have been actively involved in BOMA International since the 1930s and have participated at all levels of BOMA International in leadership roles, as well as contributing to the strategic direction of the organization. In 2000, BOMA International helped establish a new BOMA Canada office and staff in Ottawa, to support the growth of the organization and facilitate the development of BOMA in Canada. Since that time, BOMA Canada has grown and developed into a strong national voice for the industry in Canada, bonding together the collective strengths of the nine (9) BOMA associations in Canada, and delivering programs of value to members, and to the commercial real estate industry in Canada.

BOMA Canada is pleased that the agreement will allow the organizations to maintain strong links and nurture the spirit of collaboration that currently exists between the two organizations. The affiliated relationship will also encourage and promote participation from Canada in leadership and education initiatives at BOMA International, as well as facilitating information and idea-sharing. The drafting and acceptance of this agreement will also provide a valuable template for future International affiliation agreements as the BOMA International organization continues to grow.

"We will continue to actively work together for the betterment of the real estate industry in North America and internationally," explains Ms. Paterson. "The leadership of BOMA Canada and BOMA International will meet regularly to discuss opportunities for cooperation and partnership on initiatives and programs that advance the goals of both organizations. Together, we will continue to bring value to members and the industry, and nourish and strengthen the BOMA brand in North America and throughout the globe."

The Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) Canada is the voice of Canada's commercial real estate industry with over 2,500 members in regional associations across Canada. On behalf of the building owners, managers, developers, facilities managers, asset managers, leasing agents, brokers, and the product and service providers to over 1.9 Billion square feet of commercial real estate in Canada, BOMA Canada addresses issues of national concern, and promotes excellence in the industry through information, education, advocacy, and recognition.

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