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SOBIN Elects Board of Director's for 2007

CHATHAM, ON - Southwestern Ontario Bioproducts Innovation Network (SOBIN) elected its Board of Directors for 2007 at the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday, April 18, 2007.

Jim Nash, President of Wellington Polymer Technologies Inc. – maker of the EnviroShake, has been elected as SOBIN President. Also rounding out the executive is **Keith Taylor**, Associate Vice-President of Research with the University of Windsor in the position of SOBIN Vice-President, and **Jim Campbell**, General Manager of AGRIS Co-operative as SOBIN Secretary/Treasurer.

"I am very honoured to be elected as President of SOBIN." said Jim Nash. "It is truly a very exciting and significant time in the advancement of bioproducts and alternative energy technologies within Southwestern Ontario and I'm very keen to help move this sector forward through SOBIN."

Over the past year, SOBIN has been active in several key initiatives, working to help advance the bioproduct and alternative energy sectors. Some of these include:

- Partnering with the University of Western Ontario Sarnia-Lambton Research Park to help companies and institutions advance the development and commercialization of biobased technologies.
- Working with various partners in Chatham-Kent towards the establishment of a Centre for Agricultural Renewable Energy and Sustainability (CARES) – to focus on the development of energy technologies that will increase farm gate and rural incomes.
- Working with various industry and government stakeholders to help establish the Ontario BioAuto Council – a partnership between the automotive industry and the public sector aimed at accelerating the use of bio-based feedstock in automotive manufacturing.
- Collaboration with the Ontario Chemistry Value Chain Initiative on the development of a bio-based strategy to see the integration and development of a Hybrid Chemistry Industry – taking advantage of our existing petroleum based industry and infrastructure.
- Partnering with BioEnterprise to provide expertise in business mentorship and investment networking to bio-based companies throughout the region.

“As President of SOBIN,” Jim continues, “I look forward to continuing our involvement in these and other important initiatives that will help advance the bioproduct sector. I would also like to thank our Past President, John Lawrence for all his hard work, commitment and leadership over that last few years in getting us to where we are today”

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About SOBIN:

SOBIN is a non-profit organization dedicated to accelerating a bioproduct strategy and implementing more bio-based enterprise primarily within the agricultural, automotive, chemical, and energy industries. SOBIN is funded by the Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation as well as through its funding partners including: Lambton College, Municipality of Chatham-Kent, Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership, St. Clair College, University of Guelph–Ridgetown Campus, University of Windsor, and the Windsor Essex Development Commission.

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