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PESC Members Elect Steering Committee for Standards Forum for Education
AES’ Adele Marsh Appointed Chair, Citibank’s Bob King Appointed Vice Chair

January 18, 2007 (Washington DC) ~ At the Annual Fall Membership Meeting held October 23, 2006 in San Diego, CA, Members of the Postsecondary Electronic Standards Council (PESC) elected 7 members of the Steering Committee of the Standards Forum for Education. Elected for one year terms that run January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007, are:

– Paula Brower, SunGard Higher Education
– Adriana Farella, College Board
– Holly Hyland, Office of Federal Student Aid, U.S. Department of Education
– Robert King, Citibank Student Loan Corp.
– Adele Marsh, AES
– Bruce Marton, University of Texas at Austin
– Eddie Upton, University of Mississippi

Under the guidance of the PESC Board of Directors, the Steering Committee provides overall direction for the Standards Forum for Education and manages all development and maintenance workgroups (Admission Application, Course Catalog, Data Transport, Degree Audit Request/Response, High School XML Transcript, National Test Score Report, Online Loan Counseling, Student Aid Inquiry, Taxonomy, XML Transcript Request/Response/Batch) and boards (Change Control Board, Submission Advisory Board, and Technical Advisory Board).

Founded on August 4, 2000, the Standards Forum for Education sets and maintains standards for use in data exchanges between colleges and universities and their various trading partners. To date, the Standards Forum for Education has produced 4 PESC approved, education community standards (Common Record: CommonLine – CRC, the Data Transport Standard, the High School XML Transcript, and the Postsecondary XML Transcript), an extensive Policies and Procedures Manual which includes PESC Guidelines for XML Architecture and Data Modeling, Documentation Standards, and in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Education the XML Registry and Repository for the Education Community.
Subsequently, at the beginning of 2007, Steering Committee members elected Adele Marsh from AES as Chair and Bob King of Citibank as Vice Chair. The Board of Directors thanks Holly Hyland of the U.S. Department of Education’s Office of Federal Student Aid (FSA) who served as Chair in 2006.

For more information on PESC and the Standards Forum for Education, please visit www.PESC.org.

About PESC
Established in 1997 and located in Washington, D.C., the Postsecondary Electronic Standards Council (PESC) is a non-profit, community-based, umbrella association of colleges and universities; professional and commercial organizations; data, software and service providers; and state and federal government agencies. PESC’s mission is to lead the establishment and adoption of data exchange standards in education. The goals of the mission are to enable the improvement of institutional performance and foster collaboration across educational communities in order to lower costs, improve service, and attain system interoperability.