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OMCA Elects New Board and Executive at London Conference Focus is on Helping Members Facing Rapidly Changing Industry

(London, Ontario) – At its annual Marketplace and Conference attended by over 475 delegates the OMCA elected its new Board of Directors and Executive for the coming year. Ray DeNure from DeNureTours replaces Ghislain Leduc of Leduc Bus Lines as Chair, with Ray Cherrey of Pacific Western becoming Vice Chair and Marc Laplante of 417 Bus Line assuming the role of Secretary-Treasurer. Joining the Executive for the first time is Doug Badder of Badder Bus Service. New additions to the Board for next year include Ted Goldenberg of Chapman Cultural Tours representing tour operator members and Kelly Dean from Ottawa Tourism representing supplier members.

The new Board will give fresh direction to the association as it strives to help its members continue to successfully navigate through uncertain times. From economic variables such as the relative values of the Canadian and US dollars, to technological change, to the evolving nature of the group travel industry and the role of tour operators, rapid change has become the only constant in the tourism industry, as in society as a whole, and OMCA is focused on working with its members to help them to successfully adjust to these changes. Embracing the association's maxim, "Better Together", the new OMCA Board and Executive will be working hard to bring all segments of the industry together to find creative and collaborative solutions to the challenges facing the industry.

The full Executive Committee:

Past Chair	Ghislain Leduc, Leduc Bus Lines
Director	Sue LeClair, Shoreline Tours
Director	Doug Badder, Badder Bus Service
Secretary Treasurer	Marc Laplante, 417 Bus Line
Vice Chair	Ray Cherrey, Pacific Western Transportation
Chair	Ray DeNure, DeNureTours

The full Board for 2016:

Doug Badder, Badder Bus Service
Ray Cherrey, Pacific Western Transportation
John Crowley, Coach Canada
Kelly Dean, Ottawa Tourism
Brian Denny, Denny Bus Lines Ltd
Ray DeNure, DeNureTours
Diane Diebel, Hanover Holiday Tours
Ted Goldenberg, Chapman Cultural Tours
Greg Hammond, Hammond Transportation Ltd.
Stuart Kendrick, Greyhound Canada Transportation Corp.
Marc Laplante, 417 Bus Line
Sue LeClair, Shoreline Tours
Ghislain Leduc, Leduc Bus Lines
Ron Malette, Tisdale Bus Lines Ltd.
Jamie Murray, Parkinson Coach Lines
Mario Poulin, Voyages Rockland Travel
Rene Poyant, Cape Cod Custom Tours
Guy Tessier, Motor Coach Industries
Dave Willis, Ayr Coach Lines