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### **2015 NASTF BOARD WELCOMES 3 NEW VOLUNTEERS**

**ST. JOHNS, FL (January 16, 2015)** – Five of the fifteen 3-year board of director terms were up for election to the 2015 NASTF leadership. Three current volunteers were re-elected and two new members were elected. John Cabaniss, representing the OEM trade association, Global Automakers, was one of the three re-elected but his January 3, 2015 resignation from the board set up the need (in accordance with the organization bylaws) for the NASTF board to appoint a replacement to serve his new 3-year term.

Julia Rege, Director of Environment and Energy for the Association of Global Automakers was appointed to replace Cabaniss in the open seat for the OEM category. Greg Potter, newly hired Executive Manager of the Equipment & Tool Institute (ETI) was elected to fill the vacancy in the Equipment/Tool category and Jim Von Ehr, Manager of Technical Information and Serviceability for Nissan was elected to the vacant at-large seat.

Re-elected to new 3-year terms were Allen Pennebaker, owner of Orinda Motors and John Lypen, Director of Industry Relations for Motor Information Systems. Pennebaker represents the Automotive Service Councils of California in the NASTF category for an independent service provider. Lypen holds the board seat for the information service provider.

Directors continuing with unexpired terms include Scott Brown (iATN), Steve Douglas (Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers), Chris Chesney (CARQUEST), Doug Greenhaus (NADA), Claude Hensley (Lockman Locksmiths), Bill Long (AASA), Bill Moss (Euro Service Automotive), Mark Saxonberg (Toyota Motor Sales USA), Kathleen Schmatz (Auto Care) and Donny Seyfer (Seyfer Automotive).

**2015 NASTF OFFICERS ELECTED TOO:** Current NASTF officers were re-elected to another one-year term for 2015. Allen Pennebaker continues as NASTF chair of the board, Steve Douglas as vice-chair and John Lypen as treasurer/secretary. Charlie Gorman who has retired as the ETI executive manager will continue in a non-voting position as the immediate past chair of NASTF.

*NASTF was established in 2000 to identify, communicate and resolve gaps in the availability and accessibility of automotive service information, service training, diagnostic tools, and equipment for the benefit of automotive service professionals and their customers. NASTF was incorporated in 2006 as a 501(c)(6) not-for-profit organization. Additional details can be found at [www.nastf.org](http://www.nastf.org).*