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***LEAD VIRGINIA Announces New Board Members
New members' unique perspectives advance program's goals***

RICHMOND, Va. (May 5, 2008) *LEAD VIRGINIA*, a non-profit educational program designed to build a network of capable Virginia leaders to increase the state's capacity to address issues affecting the quality of life for all Virginians, has appointed five new members to its Board of Directors.

- **Michael P. Drzal** — Principal/Vice President with the law firm LeClairRyan and chair of the firm's Technology and Venture Capital team, Drzal is a 2007 alumnus of *LEAD VIRGINIA* and Co-Chair of the 2008 *LEAD VIRGINIA* Alumni Conference.
- **The Honorable Phillip A. Hamilton** — Delegate of the 93rd District of the Virginia General Assembly and chair of the House Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions; Hamilton brings his expertise as a 20-year member of the House of Delegates to the *LEAD VIRGINIA* Board.
- **Carl W. Levander** — President of Columbia Gas of Virginia, Levandar is a 2007 alumnus of *LEAD VIRGINIA* and has been an active ambassador and recruiter for the program. He also serves on the Board of Directors for the Virginia Chamber of Commerce.
- **Major General Robert B. Newman, Jr.** — Adjutant General of the Commonwealth of Virginia, General Newman is a 2007 alumnus of *LEAD VIRGINIA*. He is responsible for the combat readiness, administration and training for more than 9,000 Virginia Army and Air National Guard personnel.
- **Junius H. Williams, Jr.** — Dominion Virginia Power's Managing Director, State and Local Affairs for Virginia and North Carolina; Williams is an alumnus of the *LEAD VIRGINIA* Inaugural Class of 2005. He also serves on the Board of Trustees of the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce.

"Several of our new board members are graduates of the *LEAD VIRGINIA* program," said Susan Horne, president and CEO of *LEAD VIRGINIA*. "Their experience with the program and in their communities will advance our goals and enable us to make this program increasingly successful."

LEAD VIRGINIA brings together experienced, established senior-level executives from public and private entities across the state to learn about important local and regional issues and

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opportunities. *LEAD VIRGINIA* educates participants about regional differences and statewide needs through the shared experience of seven two-day sessions held throughout the Commonwealth.

Endorsed by the Virginia Chamber of Commerce, state universities and regional leadership organizations, *LEAD VIRGINIA* offers leaders a forum for gaining deeper insights into complex statewide issues, exchanging resources, creating momentum and working within and outside the political arena to usher in positive change for the Commonwealth. Specific curriculum themes of local/regional economies, as well as the larger issues of health and education, are explored through in-depth dialogue, on-site field studies and experiential activities designed to highlight the diverse interests of each region.

About *LEAD VIRGINIA*

LEAD VIRGINIA was incorporated as a charitable and educational organization in March 2005 and is patterned after similar models of statewide leadership programs across the nation. Led by a board of directors composed of business, education, government, non-profit and community leaders from across Virginia, *LEAD VIRGINIA* uses a proven model for developing a statewide network of leaders by engaging academic, business, civic and government advisors to educate class members on the wide range of key issues in Virginia. 2008 sustaining sponsors of the program include Bon Secours Richmond Health System, HCA Virginia and Philip Morris USA. Additional sponsors include The Harvest Foundation and Norfolk Southern. More information about *LEAD VIRGINIA* can be found at www.leadvirginia.org.

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