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DiStasio Appointed 2008/2009 NWPPA Board President

VANCOUVER, WA. – On May 20, 2008, at their 68th Annual Conference and Membership Meeting in Anchorage, Alaska, Northwest Public Power Association's (NWPPA) Board of Trustees elected **John DiStasio** to be the 2008/2009 NWPPA Board of Trustees president. DiStasio will serve a one-year term as Board president.

Just last week, DiStasio accepted the general manager position at Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) in California. His career with SMUD spans 27 years; most recently he was the assistant general manager from 2000–2008.

In addition to his duties on the NWPPA Board, DiStasio is also an executive board member of the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, vice-chair of LEED (Linking Education and Economic Development), and a board member of the North State Building Association.



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At the meeting, the Board also elected the following officers: **Ed Gossett** (Kootenai Electric), first vice president; **Neal Harth** (Wasco Electric), second vice president; **Bob Titus** (City of Ellensburg), secretary/treasurer; and **Ron Hatfield** (Pacific County PUD), past president.

The following members were nominated for a first three-year term: **Frank Corbin** (Nushagak Electric & Telephone Cooperative), **Tony Sinclair** (Missoula Electric Cooperative), **David Dover** (Fergus Electric Cooperative), and **Gerald Rutledge** (Hill County Electric Cooperative).

Additionally, the following members were nominated for a second three-year term: **Ralph Williams** (United Electric); **Dave Sabala** (Douglas Electric); **Randy Cornelius** (Orcas Power & Light); **Paul Rogers** (Kittitas County PUD); **Bob Wittenberg** (Skamania PUD); **Jeff Lipscomb** (Chugach Electric); and **Dick Morris** (Trinity PUD), who will fulfill the remainder of trustee **Darrell Wood's** first three-year term. Open board seats remain for a Canadian representative and one representative from Washington State.

NWPPA's Board of Trustees consists of 37 individuals from member utilities across the Western U.S. and Canada.



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