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WDMA Announces New Leadership Team *Al Babiuk of Loewen Windows Named Chair*

The Window and Door Manufacturers Association (WDMA) announced that its new leadership team was installed today at the WDMA Spring Meeting and Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C.

Al Babiuk of Loewen Windows was elected as the association's 2015-2017 Chair of the Board of Directors. Al replaces outgoing Chair Steve Donner of Weiland Sliding Doors and Windows.

"During the past year WDMA has continued to demonstrate its effectiveness in representing the interests of our window, door and skylight industry members while driving collaboration with various regulatory and policymaking bodies," said Babiuk.

"With a high pace of change continuing in the policy areas of energy conservation, building codes, environmental stewardship, housing and taxation, WDMA will again advocate for an approach that balances these reforms with the competitiveness of its members. In addition, the association will be moving forward under its strategic plan with increased areas of focus and expansion of existing programs, and I look forward to taking a leadership role in this exciting phase for the members of WDMA".

Al Babiuk is President and Chief Executive Officer for Loewen, a 110-year old manufacturer of windows and doors based in Steinbach, Manitoba, Canada.

"I look forward to working with Al as WDMA's new chair. His knowledge and passion for the industry will help move WDMA to the next level as we work to implement WDMA's new strategic plan and become an even better advocate for the industry," said WDMA President Michael O'Brien. "I also want to thank Steve Donner for his work and the time he has spent leading WDMA and the whole industry forward."

Additional members of the 2015-2016 WDMA Executive Committee are:

- * Vice Chair/Treasurer: Phil Donaldson, Andersen Corporation, Oak Park Heights, MN
- * Executive Committee Door Representative: Robert Lewis, Masonite International, Tampa, FL
- * Executive Committee Window Representative: Steve Tourek, Marvin Windows & Doors, St. Paul, MN
- * Executive Committee Supplier Representative: Jeff Shilakis, HOPPE North America, Ft. Atkinson, WI

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About WDMA: Founded in 1927, the Window & Door Manufacturers Association is the premier trade association representing the leading manufacturers of residential and commercial window, door and skylight products for the domestic and export markets. www.wdma.com.

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Al Babiuk Bio

Al has been with Loewen, a manufacturer and distributor of architectural windows and doors, since 2003, in the roles of President and Chief Executive Officer (2010-2014), Chief Operating Officer (2008-2010), and Chief Financial Officer (2003-2008).

Prior to joining Loewen, Al held positions in industry as Vice-President Finance and Vice-President and Treasurer at Investors Group Inc., Corporate Controller at Ceridian Corporation, and Divisional Controller at Standard Aero Limited, after beginning his career public practice accounting with Touche Ross.

Al has a Chartered Accountant (CA) designation, and a Certified Public Accountant designation (CPA) in the United States, with a Bachelor of Commerce (Hons.) degree from the University of Manitoba. Al was also recognized by his peers with the Fellowship of Chartered Accountant designation (FCA) in 2013.

Al also is and has been actively involved in various community and business organizations:

- Incoming Chair of the Board of Directors of the Window and Door Manufacturers' Association
- Board of Directors of Associates of the Asper School of Business
- Business Council of CEO's of Manitoba
- Board of Governors, Chair of Finance Committee, and Centennial Development Committee of the Winnipeg Art Gallery
- President and Director, Winnipeg Boys and Girls Clubs

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