

The Florida Research Consortium Announces Election of Officers and Executive Committee Members

Tallahassee, Fla. (February 25, 2008) – The Florida Research Consortium (FRC) (<http://www.floridaresearch.org/>) today announced the election of officers and executive committee members for 2008.

Officers

Pete Martinez of The Quantum Group, Inc. (Wellington) was named Chairman; Dr. M.J. Soileau of the University of Central Florida (Orlando), Vice-Chairman; Les Croland of Edwards Angell Palmer & Dodge LLP (Ft. Lauderdale), Secretary; Weaver Gaines, of Nanotherapeutics, Inc. (Alachua), Treasurer; and Marshall Criser III of AT&T Florida (Miami), Immediate Past Chairman.

Jack Sullivan, President and CEO of the FRC, said, “This is an outstanding slate of officers, unrivaled in depth of experience. When a serial entrepreneur, a renowned, award winning research leader, an expert in business law and finance and major corporate players come together in a common cause supporting Florida university research, the leadership of Florida pays close attention.”

Chairman Pete Martinez added, “Florida’s economy is in transition and our resident universities and research assets are the key to our successful future. However you earn your living in Florida, university research impacts you in ever increasing ways.” Martinez went on, “I am fortunate to work with the research thought leaders involved with this illustrious group. Taking the reins from past FRC Chairmen, David Gury and Marshall Criser III is humbling. With their guidance and support, I am confident that research in the Sunshine State will thrive for the benefit of Florida’s economy and the quality of life for Floridians.”

Executive Committee

Elected to join the officers on the FRC executive committee in at-large positions, were David Day of the University of Florida (Gainesville), John Fraser of Florida State University (Tallahassee), Dr. Fred Lippman of Nova Southeastern University (Davie) and Erik Sander of the V2R Group (Longwood) and the University of Florida (Gainesville).

Erik Sander, President of V2R Group said, “The FRC is unique. There are but a handful of organizations around the country whose mission centers on the important relationship of university research and economic development. Of those, no other can claim to include the leader of the top technology transfer operation at a U.S. public university like University of Florida’s David Day or the immediate past president of the world’s leading association of technology transfer professionals, Florida State University’s own John Fraser.” Sander added, “Couple that with the experience of leadership in legislative affairs and private university research contributed by Nova Southeastern University’s Dr. Fred Lippman and it is clear the FRC stands alone.”

Florida Trend Publisher Named New Executive Committee Member

Recognizing her unrivaled support of Florida’s universities and ability to transcend Florida’s economic sectors, Florida Trend Publisher, Lynda Keever was tapped to serve on the FRC Executive Committee.

Immediate Past Chairman of the FRC, Marshall Criser III noted, “Lynda Keever is a Florida treasure. She has the right blend of forward thinking and acknowledged leadership in the publishing world to add value to any organization she chooses. We are blessed to have her serve with the FRC.”

About The Florida Research Consortium

The Florida Research Consortium is a strategic partnership between Florida’s universities, research institutes and others focused on enhancing progressive research and commercialization programs at Florida’s public and private universities. In addition to its legislative, business and economic development members, the Consortium’s board is comprised of representatives of Florida’s ten public universities, the University of Miami, Nova Southeastern University and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, the Scripps Research Institute, the Torrey Pines Institute for Molecular Studies, the Institute for Human and Machine Cognition and The Quantum Group, Inc.

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