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Please join me in welcoming, and thanking, two new members to the WMMFA board. Gregg Chason and Susan Wright have stepped forward to help the manufacturer governed electronics program in Washington continue with its mission to comply with legal mandates of Washington law while providing the best possible value to member manufacturers. Gregg and Susan plan on attending our upcoming board meeting September 17th. The board now stands at 11 members, with 6 constituting a quorum, 4 of 6 needed to pass any issues requiring vote. We also have an open position for Treasurer, a position formerly held by Mike Moss. If any current members that expect to be returning to the board for the 2010-2012 term are interested in the Treasurer position this item will be on the September 17th agenda.

Gregg Chason is Vice President of Government & Industry Affairs, P&F USA, Inc., and Funai Corporation, Inc. Gregg has over 25 years of experience in the Consumer Electronics industry. He currently handles Government and Industry Affairs for both P&F USA, Inc. and Funai Corporation, Inc., both are subsidiaries of Funai Electric, Ltd. of Japan. P&F USA, Inc. sells and markets Philips branded Televisions and Home Theater equipment in North America. Funai Corp., Inc. actively sells and markets brands such as Magnavox, Emerson, Sylvania, Funai and Symphonic in North America. Gregg spent 24 of his carrier with Philips Electronics and moved over to the Funai group in November of 2008, after Philips licensed their Philips and Magnavox brands in North America to Funai Electric. While at Philips, Gregg had a long and varied carrier. His background includes key positions in Sales, Product Marketing and Business Management across a variety of Philips' consumer electronic product and business segments.

Susan Wright is Senior Legal Specialist with Osram Sylvania. Susan has lived in Massachusetts all of her life and has been employed by OSRAM SYLVANIA in Danvers Massachusetts since 1978, holding a variety of positions throughout the years in manufacturing, marketing, accounting and legal. Her current position is that of trademark/senior legal specialist. Susan holds a Bachelors degree in business management from Lesley University and a Doctorate degree in law from Massachusetts School of Law. Susan is married, with one child and likes to golf.

The Board and Management of the WMMFA look forward to the input of our experienced new members.