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Steve Thorburn Re-Elected to TEA Board

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Steven J. Thorburn, Principle

Steven J. Thorburn, PE, of Thorburn Associates (TA) has been re-elected to the TEA International Board. Formerly known as the Themed Entertainment Association, TEA serves a diversified client base of entertainment venues. TEA helps connect clients with the most experienced design, development and construction talent at no charge.

"I am excited that Steve has been reelected to the TEA International Board. Steve has been an incredible asset to the growth of the Association, no more so than during my two-year term as TEA President. I always looked to his solid advice in that period when the Association suffered along with the overall downturn in the industry. Among many other accomplishments, Steve was instrumental in developing the new Sustaining Member program that not only brought in new critical revenue to the Association, but concurrently gave new real and perceived value to the membership," said Patrick Gallegos of X-nth Gallegos Lighting, Past President of TEA. (www.x-nth.com)

Mr. Thorburn first joined TEA in 1993 and was first elected to the Board in 2005. "I am committed to helping the TEA continue its growth." Mr. Thorburn comments. "TEA is vital to the entertainment industry and I would like to see it rise to full potential."

Some of Mr. Thorburn's notable themed entertainment projects include acoustic and audiovisual technology system designs for Walt Disney Imagineering, Universal Studios, Paramount Parks, Iwerks Entertainment, IMAX Theaters and various Family Entertainment Centers produced by Randy White of White Hutchinson Leisure & Learning Group, Inc. (www.whitehutchinson.com)

Craig Hanna (www.thinkwelldesign.com), TEA outgoing President said, "Steve is incredibly insightful and knowledgeable about this industry. We're happy he's returning to the Board and look forward to building TEA with his help."

TEA is a nonprofit organization dedicated to connecting organizations that are seeking to engage, enchant, educate and entertain their guests and visitors with the creators of compelling places and experiences worldwide. Members have conceived, designed, developed, fabricated and produced highly successful experience-based museum exhibits, science center interactives, corporate visitor centers, live events and live performance venues, themed entertainment and retail centers, casinos and resorts, themed restaurants, aquariums, zoos, heritage centers, theme parks and more. For more information about TEA: <http://www.teaconnect.org/index.html>.

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