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INDY CHAMBER BEGINS 2012 WITH NEW CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND NEW BOARD MEMBERS

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 14, 2011 - The Greater Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce that Steven F. Walker has been named the 2012 chairman of the board of directors. Walker will assume the role on January 1. Steve has served on the Indy Chamber board of directors since January 1, 2006.

Steve has spent most of his life in and around business. After obtaining his degree in Business Administration from Boston University, he started his career in public accounting. He joined Walker Information as a professional in 1982 and became CEO in 1996. He's the third generation of Walkers to lead the business founded by his grandmother in 1939.

"Steve is passionate about Indianapolis as evidenced by his years of dedicated volunteer service and his commitment to the business community. As a business owner, he has the experience and knowledge that will positively impact our over 3,600 member businesses. The Indy Chamber is fortunate to have Steve as our chairman in 2012," said Scott Miller, President of the Indy Chamber.

Walker is an active leader in the Indianapolis community. Beyond his duties as board chairman of the Indy Chamber, he serves on the board for the AAA Hoosier Motor Club, Defender Direct, The Indianapolis Zoo, and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Walker previously served as chairman of the board of the Better Business Bureau of Central Indiana, Indiana Chapter of the Young Presidents Organization, and the Indianapolis 500 Festival Association. He also twice led the annual campaigns for the United Way of Central Indiana.

"It is a privilege to be elected chairman of the Greater Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce. The public/private partnership that exists in Indianapolis is part of what makes this community special and the Indy Chamber has always been an integral part of that," Steve stated. "I'm excited about the future of our city and optimistic about how the Indy Chamber can continue to make Indy such a great place to live, work and play. I have literally grown up with the Indy Chamber."

Walker's grandmother and company founder Tommie Walker Anderson and Walker Research joined the Chamber on January 1, 1955. His father, Frank Walker, served as chairman from 1986 to 1988. "I am honored to continue building on this great tradition and strong foundation that has existed for more than 120 years," stated Walker.

Walker and his wife Brenda reside in Indianapolis. They have three grown children: Jack, Sara and Victoria.

The following business leaders have been slated as board chairmen for 2013 and 2014:

- 2013: John T. Thompson, President, Chairman and CEO, First Electric Supply
- 2014: Michael E. Bosway, President and CEO, City Securities Corporation

The Indy Chamber has also announced the new board of directors for 2012, whose term will run through either 2013 or 2014 as indicated below.

New Board of Directors (term through 2013):

- Kris Bowen, Director, Research & Business Development, Bowen Engineering

New Board of Directors (term through 2014):

- Ellen Annala, President & CEO, United Way of Central Indiana, Inc.
- Connie Bond Stuart, Regional President, The PNC Financial Services Group
- Kristin Mays-Corbitt, EVP of Operations/Assistant to the Chairman, Mays Chemical Company
- James Danko, President, Butler University
- Joseph M. Kelley, President & CEO, Marsh Supermarkets
- Brian Payne, President, Central Indiana Community Foundation

2012 promises to be a landmark year for the Greater Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce. Under Scott Miller's leadership, the Chamber will work towards further alignment and collaboration among community leaders and elected officials to build upon our strengths and enhance the region.

The Greater Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce continues to serve as prominent voice in the community, leading the way for K-12 education reform, mass transit, and government consolidation.

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About the Greater Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce

Founded in 1890 by Colonel Eli Lilly and a group of Indianapolis business leaders, the Greater Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce is the voice of the Central Indiana business community. Today, with a membership of nearly 4,000 businesses, the Indianapolis Chamber is still a voice of progress and improvement, bringing together businesses for a thriving community. For more information on the Chamber, visit indychamber.com.