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John Krueger and Pat Rositani Named to MEACO Board
Businessmen Bring Years of Experience in Economic Development

Mentor, OH – February 13, 2008 – MEACO, the Mentor Economic Assistance Corporation, announces the appointments of local businessmen Pat Rositani and John Krueger to its board of directors.

Established in 1983 as a tool to advance and promote economic and civic development in the city of Mentor, MEACO helps new and existing local businesses obtain long-term, low-interest loans for building construction, expansion or new equipment purchases.

John Krueger is a graduate of the Ohio State University, where he majored in Insurance. He served his country in the U.S. Army, specializing in military intelligence. He joined the family business, Krueger Insurance, founded by his father, Donald. His specialty is commercial insurance, including the state wide program for taverns & restaurants which he began in 1988. He also serves as president of Brokers Choice Title Services.

Krueger has served on boards and committees for various charities, as director of the Lake County Board of Elections, and currently on the Mentor Planning Commission.

He said his interest in MEACO is greatly fueled by his desire to continue the Krueger family tradition of public service. Donald Krueger served as mayor of the city of Mentor and John's mother Marguerite founded the Mentor Chamber of Commerce. John is a lifelong resident of Mentor and with his wife Detra raised their family here.

“Having the ability to participate in the formation of Mentor's future is a real gift,” Krueger said. “I’ve been a small business owner all my life, and I realize how much an organization like MEACO can help an individual attain his dream.”

Pat Rositani is senior vice president at Lake National Bank, where he manages the loan department, including commercial lending. He is a graduate of Cleveland State University, majoring in business administration with a specialization in finance. He has 30 years of experience in the banking business, mostly in commercial banking and including structuring business loans for small businesses.

Rositani is a long time resident of Mentor, where he lives with his wife Denise and two daughters. As a businessman in the city, he has worked with MEACO on various projects. He served for twenty years on the board of the Lake County Development Center, where he was treasurer.

“The Lake County Development Center is an organization similar to MEACO.” He said. “While on the board, I have been involved in many different functions. I am now bringing this expertise to the MEACO board.”

“I hope to be of help in MEACO’s financing activities. That includes encouraging the public to use MEACO as a resource to get loans and steering business owners to the advantages they can get through MEACO.”

Positani brings to the board his many contacts in the community, his experience during previous efforts to forward the economic develop of the city and his financing background.

Now chartered to do business throughout northeastern Ohio, MEACO works directly with small businesses and their banks to get prompt financing. It also provides valuable assistance to applicants throughout the paperwork process. MEACO has helped finance projects for small and medium-sized businesses throughout Mentor, and has resulted in the creation or retention of more than 1,300 jobs in the city. Visit the MEACO website at www.meacoweb.com or contact Tom Thielman at 440-974-5739 or Thielman@cityofmentor.com for more information.

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Thomas Thielman, MEACO Executive Director, is available for commentary. Please contact Tom Mitchell, Marshfield Group, 440-974-8448 to schedule an interview.