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PMCA Announces the Election of Two New Board Directors

July 28, 2009, Bethlehem, PA - During the PMCA Annual Meeting of Members held April 28, 2009 at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center, **Thomas Houlihan**, *Guittard Chocolate Company* and **Craig Savage**, *FONA, Inc.* were ratified as the newest members of PMCA's Board of Directors.

Mr. Houlihan has worked in the chocolate industry for more than 24 years, 19 of those with Guittard. He also has strong non-profit experience serving as a Board member for the *Retail Confectioners Association of Philadelphia* as well as the Secretary, and as the Chairman, of the *Philadelphia National Candy Show*.

Mr. Savage has worked in the confectionery industry for over 18 years and has a long standing relationship with the association since being awarded PMCA's graduate fellowship at Penn State. He has a broad range of industry experience, participates on association committees and has been an instructor for industry courses. Mr. Savage commented, "*Having been involved with the PMCA since 1989, I am honored to serve on the Board and look forward to serving the PMCA; its goals and initiatives.*"

"It is a great honor to work with the knowledgeable and dedicated professionals who make up the association's Board of Directors. We look forward to another productive and successful year, and we warmly welcome our new board members as they assist and guide us in our on-going operations and new endeavors." – Yvette Thomas, Administrative Director, PMCA.

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About PMCA

PMCA is a non-profit international trade association in the confectionery industry whose goals are to provide open forums for the free exchange of technical information through its Annual Production Conference, to promote and direct basic and applied scientific research in the science of chocolate and confectionery through its Research Program at leading universities and to educate and train technical and manufacturing personnel worldwide through its Short Course Program. The organization was originally founded in 1907 as the Pennsylvania Manufacturing Confectioners' Association.

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