



## **CBIE Media Release**

### **Karen McBride Named President of Canadian Bureau for International Education**

Ottawa, June 1, 2009 – The Board of Directors of the Canadian Bureau for International Education (CBIE), Canada's national organization for international education, today named as its new president and CEO Ms. Karen McBride, a prominent leader in the field.

Ms. McBride, who played an important leadership role at the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) for 15 years, currently as Vice-President, International Affairs, succeeds Jim Fox, who is retiring at the end of June after a 22-year tenure. Under Mr. Fox's leadership, CBIE took on an expanded mandate, and became an internationally recognized player in the provision of educational services, both in Canada and abroad.

Dr. Robert G. McCulloch, Chair of CBIE's Board of Directors and President of the Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology (SIAST) explained that the Presidential Search Committee had worked diligently over the past six months to find the individual best suited to head the country's premier international education organization. "Karen was chosen from a rich pool of applicants. Many highly qualified candidates were interested in continuing the tradition of vision and innovation established by Jim Fox. We chose Karen because she is a dynamic, creative, and insightful leader whose outstanding blend of skills will serve us well as we forge Canada's future in international education."

Jim Fox added, "As the longest-serving president of CBIE since its founding 43 years ago, I know that this job is a profoundly personal charge. Karen radiates a sense of deep commitment to CBIE and its mission, and I am confident that she will lead CBIE to greater successes."

Ms. McBride praised Jim Fox's leadership of CBIE. "I have deep respect for the enormous contribution Jim has made to CBIE. This is an extraordinary institution with a dedicated membership and talented staff. My goal is to work closely with our member institutions in order to build on CBIE's great achievements and further enhance its national and international reputation as the preeminent Canadian organization for international education. I am honoured to be asked to lead CBIE."

CBIE has a membership of 200 universities, colleges, school boards and associates. It promotes international understanding through education and advocates on behalf of international learners. Its activities include research and professional development, scholarship and educational exchange programs, international development projects and the export of Canadian educational services. The affairs of CBIE are managed by a professional secretariat located in Ottawa.

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