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Northern Policy Institute Introduces its Research Advisory Board and Senior Research Fellows

June 10th, 2014, Thunder Bay, ON – Northern Policy Institute's first Research Advisory Board was introduced today, as well as the official appointment of the organization's inaugural group of Senior Research Fellows.

The Research Advisory Board is Northern Policy Institute's formal link to the Canadian academic community. Its members will guide research and connect Northern Policy Institute with the best sectoral academics, authors and analysis.

Members of the Research Advisory Board are:

1. Dr. John Allison, an Associate Professor in the Schulich School of Education at Nipissing University. He is a historian and has a doctorate in the History of Education from the University of Toronto.
2. Mr. Jonathan Dewar, Director of the Shingwauk Residential Schools Centre and Special Advisor to the President at Algoma University. He is now completing a doctorate in Canadian Studies at Carleton University.
3. Dr. Livio Di Matteo, a Senior Fellow at the Fraser Institute. Dr. Di Matteo also serves as a Professor of Economics at Lakehead University, where he specializes in public policy, health economics, public finance, and economic history.
4. Dr. Morley Gunderson, a Professor at the Centre for Industrial Relations and Human Resources, as well as the Department of Economics at the University of Toronto. He is also the CIBC Chair in Youth Employment.
5. Dr. Anne-Marie Mawhiney, Since August 2010, has been Special Advisor to the President at Laurentian University. Effective July 1, 2014, Anne-Marie is Full Professor, School of Rural and Northern Health. She is also a research principal with the Elliot Lake Tracking and Adjustment Study and editor of *Rebirth: Political, Economic, and Social Development in First Nations*.
6. Dr. Robin Neill, who holds a PhD. in Economics from Duke University. His research interests revolve around the history of economic development and policy in Canada and the history of economic thought.
7. Ms. S. Brenda Small, Vice President for the Centre for Policy in Aboriginal Learning at Confederation College. Brenda has attended Ryerson University, and has a double major in Political Science and Sociology from Algoma



University and the Bachelor of Laws at the University of Toronto. She is also a member of the Law Society of Upper Canada.

8. Dr. Randy Battochio, the Applied Research Manager at Collège Boréal, Sudbury. He has a doctorate in philosophy from the Human Studies PhD program at Laurentian University. Dr. Battochio also serves as the liaison officer between community researchers and Collège Boréal's Research Ethics Board.

Also announced today are Northern Policy Institute's Senior Research Fellows. These five individuals are experienced scholars who offer essential expertise in diverse areas of public policy.

The Senior Research Fellows are:

1. Dr. Paul Bennett, a Halifax author and the Founding Director of Schoolhouse Consulting, an independent educational consulting firm. He is an Adjunct Professor of Education at Saint Mary's University and will serve as Northern Policy Institute's **Fellow in Education Policy**.
2. Mr. David MacKinnon, a Public Member of the Council of the Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons, will sit as Northern Policy Institute's **Fellow in Comparative Growth**.
3. Dr. David Robinson, a Professor of Economics and Director of the Institute for Northern Ontario Research and Development at Laurentian University, will serve as Northern Policy Institute's **Fellow in Local Decision Making**.
4. Dr. Gordon Weil, President of Standard Energy Company, Maine, and author of books and articles on energy policy in Canada and the U.S. will be Northern Policy Institute's **Fellow in Electricity Policy**.
5. Dr. Elizabeth Wenghofer, Director and Associate Professor at the School of Rural and Northern Health at Laurentian University, will sit as Northern Policy Institute's **Fellow in Rural and Northern Health**.

Charles Cirtwill, President and CEO of Northern Policy Institute, says; "Research and policy recommendations are critical to building a growing and sustainable Northern Ontario. These researchers and scholars will provide globally informed and nationally renowned perspective to Northern Policy Institute. They will support us in educating the public and decision makers at all levels about policies that work here, and elsewhere, to solve the problems our neighbours face every day."

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Notes to the Editor:

Northern Policy Institute is a not-for-profit organization with offices in Thunder Bay and Sudbury. Its founding funder is the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation. Northern Policy Institute provides proactive, evidence-based and purpose driven recommendations to government and industry on policies and programs that strengthen our communities and create a more competitive and productive Northern Ontario.

Northern Policy Institute has six key strategic areas of focus:

- Aboriginal peoples
- Communities
- Demographics
- Economy
- Environment
- Infrastructure

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