



News Release

Fields Elected Harbor Commission President **Advertising executive will serve as Board's leader**

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The Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners on Monday, June 17, elected board member Thomas Fields as its President for a one-year term to start July 1. He will succeed Commissioner Susan E. Anderson Wise, who has served two years as President.

Fields, a Long Beach advertising executive and former city planning commissioner, was appointed to a six-year term on the Harbor Commission in 2009 by Mayor Bob Foster.



The Board President serves as chair of the commission, running board meetings and often representing the Port to the public and shipping industry.

"I look forward to serving as Board President; this is an exciting time for the Port as we look for the next executive director while at the same time proceeding with our capital improvement program to modernize the Port," Fields said.

Fields is the founder and owner of Thomas Fields Associates, a Long Beach marketing and advertising agency. He launched his career as an advertising agency writer-producer in New York and Los Angeles, writing ads and commercials for Nissan, Toyota, Mitsubishi, Chevrolet, Evian, the California State Lottery, the California Angels, Hanes, Burger King and Prudential.

Rounding out the selection of board officers, Commissioner Nick Sramek

was elected as Vice President. Commissioner Doug Drummond was voted Secretary. Commissioners Wise and Rich Dines will serve as assistant secretaries. All terms start July 1.

The five-member Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners is the governing body of the Port of Long Beach, which is the Harbor Department of the City of Long Beach. For full commissioner biographies, please go to <http://www.polb.com/commission/commissioners.asp>.

In other action, the Board of Harbor Commissioners formally approved the appointment of Al Moro to the position of Acting Executive Director. Moro joined the Port in 1997, and has served as Chief Harbor Engineer since 2007. The Board also formally approved the appointment of Dr. Noel Hacegaba as Acting Deputy Executive Director. Hacegaba has served as the Executive Officer to the Board of Harbor Commissioners since 2010.

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