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DAVID RICHBOURG ELECTED SLMA'S 2009-2010 CHAIRMAN

TYRONE, GA, August 12, 2009 - - David Richbourg, plant manager of H.W. Culp Lumber Co., Inc., was elected chairman of the Southeastern Lumber Manufacturers Association (SLMA) recently at the association's Annual Conference in Amelia Island, FL. Richbourg served on SLMA's executive committee for the past three years as treasurer, 2nd vice-chairman and 1st vice-chairman, respectively.

While Richbourg believes that SLMA has many positive programs, he credits one particular asset for making the association a necessity for the private mill owner. "One of our biggest strengths is the wealth of knowledge available amongst the membership and the willingness to share it with fellow members."

His goal as chairman for the coming year is very clear. "I hope to be involved in bringing together most of our related forestry and lumber associations to build a strong joint message from our industry, and to continue to fine-tune the value of SLMA to all of its members."

Richbourg attended Guilford College and began his career at in the forest products industry selling heavy equipment at Newman-Whitney in 1973. In 1987, Richbourg joined Hemco and also worked with USNR. He joined H.W. Culp Lumber in 1997.

"We look forward to working with David this year," said Debbie Brady, president of SLMA. "His knowledge and experience in this industry are extensive, and his vision for the future of the association is bold and exciting. I am certain that he will serve SLMA members very well."

Aside from his commitment to the lumber industry, Richbourg is also actively

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involved in his community. He serves on the Advisory Board of Haywood Community College – Wood Products Training. Richbourg and his wife, Malinda, currently split their time between Greensboro and Badin Lake.

H.W. Culp Lumber Co., Inc., is based in New London. The company was founded in 1925 by Henry W. Culp Sr. Culp Lumber currently employs 94 men and women and produces an average of 100 million board feet of Southern Pine products annually.

The Southeastern Lumber Manufacturers Association represents independent lumber manufacturers throughout the Southeastern United States. Members of the association produce an average of 4.5 billion board feet of quality hardwood and softwood lumber annually. SLMA represents 140 member companies with the continued goal of helping perpetuate family-owned lumber businesses. As chairman, Richbourg will provide the association with guidance and leadership on governmental, marketing/public relations and membership issues.

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