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## **MDA Announces New Officers** ***Susan Crossett Elected Chairperson*** **Rogers, Brown, Naples, Roberts Named Vice Chairs**

SYRACUSE, NY – The Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Development Association of Syracuse and Central New York (MDA) today announced that it has elected its slate of officers and board members for 2010.

Susan Crossett, Vice President, National Grid US, has been elected to serve as chairperson of the MDA. Ms. Crossett succeeds Kenneth A. Shaw who had served in the position since 2003.

“The MDA board of directors could not have made a better choice in a new chairperson at this crucial time in this organization’s history,” said Kenneth A. Shaw, the MDA’s outgoing chairperson. “Susan Crossett has a strong vision and commitment to growth for the organization and the region, and she is the type of leader who will successfully bring the business community together in support of those goals.”

Stephen A. Rogers, editor and publisher of The Post-Standard, has been re-elected to the position of first vice chairman. Terry Brown, chairman and CEO of O’Brien & Gere; Allen J. Naples, regional president of M&T Bank; and Robert U. Roberts, president & CEO of SRC, have been elected as vice chairpersons.

The MDA Board has named Nancy Rurkowski, general manager, Bristol-Myers Squibb, as the new secretary of the MDA. Greg Gilroy, president of the Central New York region of First Niagara Bank, remains MDA treasurer. Richard Cook, managing partner, Hancock & Estabrook, will serve as MDA counsel.

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