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Rousseau to lead WPBA in 2010

West Palm Beach, Fla. (Jan. 6, 2010) – The WPBA has a new president – John Rousseau. Rousseau is a recently-elected board member and ardent supporter of the WPBA. Known by many of the WPBA players and others in the billiard industry, Rousseau is a familiar and welcome face.

Rousseau brings years of successful business experience and management to the board, in addition to his collegiate championships in three-cushion billiards, 14.1 and the national bowling championship. His dedication to women's pool, along with his excitement for the future of women's pool will only enhance his leadership. Rousseau officially took office as a board member on Jan. 1, and already he has meetings setup with potential new venues.

"These are challenging times, as we all know. But I feel I am up to that challenge – in fact, I welcome it!" said Rousseau. In addition to securing new venues and sponsors, Rousseau intends to introduce new management and business practices within the organization. "It's because of the challenges that we face that the WPBA must begin to operate more like a business. I know that the changes will be difficult for some, but they are necessary as we move forward."

Rousseau is joined by three other newly-elected board members: Paul Brienza, Tamre' Geene'-Rogers, and Mimi McAndrews. Belinda Calhoun, well-known veteran player will continue to serve on the new board. Dawn Hopkins, WPBA President and player, resigned. She wished the new board good luck and stated that she had personal matters that prevented her from continuing to serve. "We are sorry to see Dawn leave, but she remains a valuable asset to the board and the WPBA," Rousseau commented. Hopkins will continue to compete on the WPBA tour, and has offered the board her assistance as time permits. The new board will meet later this month to discuss filling the vacancy created by Hopkins' departure, and to appoint the seventh board member at-large position.

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