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**NATO Elects New Officers  
First chosen under new board structure**

*Washington, D.C. and North Hollywood, Calif.*— The National Association of Theatre Owners (NATO) announced today the election of new officers – the first chosen by the Executive Board of Directors under a recently enacted board restructuring at the association’s annual meeting at the Fairmont Hotel in Newport Beach, Calif.

Elected to two-year terms were – Tony Kerasotes, Chairman and CEO, Kerasotes Showplace Theatres, as Chairman; Aubrey Stone, President, Georgia Theatre Company, as Vice-Chairman; Amy Miles, CEO of Regal Entertainment Group as Treasurer; and re-elected as Secretary, Mark O’Meara, President, University Mall Theatres.

The association’s two-day meeting came at the end of a record-breaking summer at the box office amidst a troubled economic climate in which box office and attendance continue to exceed the previous year. 118 members celebrated the robust state of the movie theater industry while discussing issues of common importance to theater owners, such as camcorder theft, digital cinema and 3D projection. Universal Pictures chairman Marc Shmuger keynoted a private dinner for exhibitors.

NATO’s outgoing Board of Directors recently enacted sweeping changes to the association’s governing structure, creating a streamlined 17-member Executive Board intended to be more efficient, more representative of the makeup of NATO’s membership, and more directly responsible for the association’s governance. The Board of Directors now becomes a 97-member Advisory Board, charged with consideration of the broader issues facing theatrical exhibition.

***About NATO***

*The National Association of Theatre Owners is the largest exhibition trade organization in the world, representing more than 30,000 movie screens in all 50 states, and additional cinemas in more than 50 countries worldwide.*

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