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New board appointments at Times Publishing Co.

St. Petersburg, FL - Paul Tash, Editor CEO and Chairman of the *St. Petersburg Times* announced today that Managing Editor **Stephen Buckley** has joined the board of the Times Publishing Company, and that Circulation Director **Jerry Hill** has joined the board of *Florida Trend* magazine.

Buckley, 38, first worked for the *Times* as a sportswriting intern during the summers of 1983-86. He returned to the Times in 2001 as a national reporter after working as a foreign correspondent in Kenya and Brazil for *The Washington Post*. He was named Assistant Managing Editor/World in 2003 and Managing Editor in 2005.

In making the announcement, Tash said Buckley, "is emerging as one of the bright young journalists and leaders of his generation." He added, that, "... first as a reporter and then as an editor Stephen has made our newspaper better. I am delighted that he is moving into the most senior councils of our company."

Hill, 45, joined the *Times* in early 2004 as Circulation Director after spending 20 years in the newspaper industry. He had stints at Gannett, the Detroit Newspaper Agency, *Reno Gazette Journal*, *Marin Independent Journal* and *San Francisco Chronicle*.

Tash noted that *Florida Trend*, the company's statewide business magazine, is currently in an especially robust phase, and that, "Jerry's insight and experience will help *Trend* build on its success."

Times Publishing Co, owned by the Poynter Institute for Media Studies, is publisher of the St. Petersburg Times, Tampa Bay Times, Beacon-Leader-Bee Community Newspapers, Congressional Quarterly, Florida Trend, and Governing. The six-time Pulitzer prize-winning *St. Petersburg Times* is Florida's largest daily newspaper with a circulation of 327,390 daily and 420,811 Sunday. (ABC Audited 12/26/2004). Considered one of the top ten newspapers in the country, it is one of the nation's last and largest independents.

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