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DFI's membership promotes understanding and advancement of the deep foundations & excavations construction industry through conferences, publications, and community.

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## For Immediate Release

### DFI Announces Election of Board Members

On January 1, 2006 Deep Foundations Institute's newly elected Trustees, Robert Bittner (Ben C. Gerwick, Inc.), Doug Keller (Richard Goettle, Inc.) and Sam Kosa (Monotube Pile Corporation) will begin their three-year term on the organization's Board. These board members were elected by the membership in September of 2005 to serve as DFI Trustees through 2008 along with incumbent trustees Dan Brown (Auburn University), Steven M. Hain Jr. (Steven M. Hain Co.) and Ray Poletto (Mueser Rutledge Consulting Engineers).



Robert Bittner



Doug Keller



Sam Kosa

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design and development of innovative construction methods and equipment.

Mr. Bittner is currently President of Ben C. Gerwick, Inc, a firm specializing in the design of innovative marine structures with a focus on constructability. Since joining Gerwick in 1996, he has provided construction-consulting services worldwide and managed the design of several marine structures, including an innovative float-in dam on the Monongahela River in Pennsylvania for the US Army Corps of Engineers. Additionally, he led the Gerwick team that developed a new float-in cofferdam system that has been successfully used on the foundations for the New Bath-Woolwich Bridge in Maine and the New Carquinez Bridge in the San Francisco Bay Area. For the last 2 years, Mr. Bittner has served DFI as Chairman of the Marine Foundation Committee.

Douglas Keller, P.E. is President and COO of Richard Goettle, Inc., a Cincinnati based specialty foundations contractor. Doug was elected to the position of president by the Board of Directors in 2004, following 16 years with the company as a Project Manager, Vice President of Engineering and Sales and Executive Vice President. He has designed hundreds of permanent and temporary earth retention projects, deep foundations and marine structures. Recently he designed and supervised construction of the deepest single wall cofferdam known in the United States.

Doug received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Physics from Northern Kentucky University, a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Kentucky, and a Masters of Science Degree in Geotechnical Engineering from the University of Cincinnati. He completed all the coursework for and passed the PhD. qualifying exam at UC, but was hired by Larry Rayburn before completing his dissertation. Doug recently completed serving DFI as Chair of its Tiebacks and Soil Nailing Committee. He is also a member of the American Institute of Constructors, Engineers and Scientists of Cincinnati and the American Society of Civil Engineers where he served as the local chapter president from 1994-95. In

1995 he received the Young Engineer of the Year award from the Engineers & Scientists of Cincinnati. Doug is registered as a Professional Engineer in 16 states, has been married to his wife Mary for 15 years and has three children.

Samuel J. Kosa, P.E. is General Manager and Chief Engineer for the Monotube Pile Corporation in Canton, Ohio. He is responsible for sales, marketing, manufacturing and engineering of the uniformly tapered Monotube pile. He provides design and construction consultations for this cast-in-place friction pile on projects throughout the U.S., Alaska, the Caribbean and South America. Sam has been a member of DFI since 1988. He has over 30 years of engineering experience ranging from geotechnical engineer, underground support engineer, project and construction management to university instructor in civil engineering. He received a Bachelor of Engineering degree from Youngstown State University where he also attended engineering graduate school. He is a registered professional engineer in the states of New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania and has membership in ASCE.

At this time DFI would also like to recognize and thank retiring Trustees, John L. White of American Piledriving Equipment, Inc. who is stepping down after 7 years of service; Larry Rayburn, CEO of Richard Goettle, Inc., following 9 years of service; and Herbert J. Engler of Penn State Fabricators who concludes his service on the board after 14 years.

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