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**GREATER RALEIGH CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU
ANNOUNCES TWO NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

RALEIGH, N.C. (July 2008) – The Greater Raleigh Convention and Visitors Bureau has named Dean Ogan and Jim Rutherford to its 12-member Board of Directors.

Dean Ogan, owner of Rocky Top Hospitality, has been devoted to improving Greater Raleigh's local dining scene since 1998, when Rocky Top Hospitality's first restaurant, Michael Dean's Wood Oven and Seafood Grill, opened its doors. He now owns seven restaurants including Bogart's American Grill, Hi5 Sports Restaurant and Red Room Tapas Lounge. He actively participates in and gives back to the community, supporting numerous nonprofit organizations and charities such as the American Cancer Society, the American Heart Association, and the March of Dimes, just to name a few.

Jim Rutherford, president and general manager of the Carolina Hurricanes, is the franchise's seventh general manager. Rutherford completed his 14th year as general manager in 2007-2008, making him the longest-tenured general manager in franchise history and the second-longest tenured general manager currently serving in the NHL. Under Rutherford, the Hurricanes have had an impressive regular-season record since arriving in North Carolina, including a pair of trips to the Stanley Cup Finals and the first Stanley Cup Championship in franchise history in 2006.

The Greater Raleigh Convention & Visitors Bureau, as the official destination marketing organization of Raleigh and Wake County, accelerates sustainable economic growth and development by increasing visitor and convention business. For a free visitor's guide or more promotional information, call toll-free (800) 849-8499 visit **www.visitraleigh.com**, or e-mail **visit@visitraleigh.com**.

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