This is the first issue of the Video Services Forum News Letter that will be issued semi-annually. The VSF feels it is important to keep you informed about what is going on at your organization and that is the main purpose of the News Letter. It is deliberately brief since we know you all are very busy.

**VSF Officers & Board Members:**

Every year, the membership of the VSF elects new members to half of the seats on its Board of Directors. In March 2003, we elected six new members to two-year terms as indicated:

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<td>Jeff Carpenter</td>
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<td>Pierre Costa</td>
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<td>John Dale</td>
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<td>Gregory Davey</td>
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<td>Richard Friedel</td>
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The newly-constituted Board of Directors then exercised its duty and appointed a slate of new Video Services Forum Officers to two-year terms:

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<td>President</td>
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<td>Video Products Group</td>
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<td>Steve Storozum</td>
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<td>Secretary/Treasurer</td>
<td>Amanda Pappas</td>
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**Administrative and Technical Staff:**

Brad Gilmer – Gilmer and Associates is the VSF Executive Director
Barbara Main – Assistant Director
Bob Ruhl – Verizon (Retired) is the VSF Operations Manager
VSF Current Member List:

Artel Video Systems
Bell Canada
C-COR
D. Technologies, Inc., MJ Drouin, Principal
DIRECTV
Evertz Microsystems Ltd.
Force, Inc.
Fox Digital
tSONA Communications
State of Georgia
Leitch
Miranda Media Networks
Network Electronics
Path 1
PixCells Communications, Inc.
Pulsent
SBC Communications, Inc.
System Resources, Carl Ostrom, Principal
TANDBERG Television
Telecom Product Consulting, Wes Simpson, Principal
Terawave Communications
Verizon Communications, Inc.
Video Products Group, Inc.
VideoTele.com, A Division of Tut Systems
Wave 7 Optics, Inc.

Meetings and Conferences:

We held the VSF June Meeting Series in Montreal, Quebec and had a very large turnout with over 60 people in attendance. Miranda Media Networks hosted this 2-½ day meeting that provided many technical presentations and lively discussion.

The VSF October Meeting Series will be held in Austin, TX on October 8-10, 2003 and will be hosted by SBC Laboratories. For more information on this meeting as well as the agenda please visit: http://www.videoservicesforum.org/meetings/index.htm.

We held a very successful VidTrans03 on February 23-26, 2003 in Austin, TX and are now planning VidTrans04 that will be held at the Marriott New Orleans, New Orleans, Louisiana from February 8 - 11, 2004. This year’s theme is “Video and Data Networking: Convergence or Conflict?” The focus of this year’s conference will be on the many types of networking and video compression technologies and their application to video and data transport. For Conference Registration and Exhibitor information, please visit the Web Site at http://www.vidtrans.org.
We are currently seeking speakers and panelists for VidTrans04. A call for papers with suggested topics and submission guidelines is available at [http://www.vidtrans.org](http://www.vidtrans.org). Proposals are due by October 31, 2003.

| VSF Activity Groups: |

As you are aware, VSF Activity Groups (AGs) supply input and expertise to various industry standards bodies on behalf of the VSF. These are some of the topics that VSF activity groups have addressed to date.

- **Mid-Span Meet (MSM)** – Enabling Video Service Providers to interconnect “mid-span” with each other
- **Dual 270 over ATM OC-12** – Specifies how 270Mbps video signals can be packaged into an OC-12 ATM stream
- **Video over IP** – Discussing key issues of relevance to transporting real-time video signals across IP-based networks
- **Video Quality Metrics** – Investigating quality metrics and measurement techniques for digital video signals
- **GR338** – Converting metrics that carriers use when specifying analog video signals into open standards

To learn more about these AGs please visit [http://www.videoservicesforum.org/about/index.htm](http://www.videoservicesforum.org/about/index.htm).

Well, that’s it for now. If there is any topic that you would like to see covered in the next issue of the News Letter, please contact Bob Ruhl at bob.ruhl@comcast.net.