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## SSA To Add Veteran and Young Leader Non-Voting Seats To Board of Directors

ALEXANDRIA, VA — The Self Storage Association today announced the addition of two ex officio (non-voting) positions to the Board of Directors: the Industry Veteran Advisor seat and the Industry Young Leader Apprentice seat.

The purpose of the former — which will be filled by Extra Space founder Ken Woolley — is to retain and appreciate experienced veteran industry knowledge and leadership. The second seat — filled by John Lindsey of the SSA Young Leaders Group and Lindsey Self Storage Group — is to recognize young industry initiative and to encourage participation in the Association.

Woolley and Lindsey, who were chosen by a vote by the SSA Board of Directors, will participate in every way as elected board members, although they will not vote on matters. Currently, the SSA president & CEO (Tim Dietz) and General Counsel (Carlos Kaslow) are also ex officio board members.

"The leadership of the SSA is excited to ensure that these two important segments of our membership will be involved in our activities moving forward," Dietz said. "Specifically Ken Woolley, who joined the SSA in 1977, brings a tremendous legacy of both small-business and public company knowledge to the boardroom. His participation is very much appreciated."

Dietz continued, "We are also happy to welcome John Lindsey, who over the past few years has been instrumental in the reconstitution of the Young Leaders Group (YLG), the fastest-growing subsection of our association, and demonstrated tremendous support of the SSA over the years. We look forward to the energy and skills that John will add this year."

## About the Self Storage Association (SSA)

The SSA is the premier national not-for-profit trade organization for the industry and the registered lobbying organization before the U.S. Congress and federal agencies. SSA is official voice of the \$24 billion (revenues) self storage industry that currently numbers 48,500 self storage facilities nationwide. The SSA directly represents some 5,500 direct and indirect member companies that own and operate some 22,000 self storage facilities throughout the U.S. The SSA is affiliated with 40 state and regional associations in the U.S. and several international associations. SSA members range from individual facility owner-operators to multiple-facility companies, to vendors, to large publicly traded firms and Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs). SSA was founded in 1975 and is incorporated in the State of Virginia as a (501-c-6) not-for-profit corporation; headquarters offices are located in Alexandria, VA. For more information about the national Self Storage Association, please visit our Web site at www.selfstorage.org.