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NAHU Announces New Education Foundation Board

(Arlington, VA)—The National Association of Health Underwriters (NAHU) today announced the new officers for the NAHU Education Foundation Board of Trustees for the 2008-09 term at NAHU's 78th Annual Convention in San Diego. Unlike NAHU, the Foundation is not a membership organization, but is a tax-exempt educational entity that attempts to provide information on contemporary issues of public interest.

"The great debate about the U.S. health care system continues and the need to educate both consumers and policy makers has never been greater," stated Janet Trautwein, executive vice president and CEO of NAHU. "For this reason, the Foundation has been resurrected to become a source of information as all parties consider the future of the health care system in our country. Understanding the implications of proposed changes to our current health care system can be daunting. The Foundation looks at different ideas and provides factual information on what they mean for consumers.

"I am extraordinarily pleased to announce our new Foundation Board and I look forward to collaborating with them as we work to promote health insurance through private-sector awareness and serve the public interest. The Foundation will benefit greatly from their leadership as we continue to promote the benefits of meeting the health, financial and retirement security needs of all Americans through private-sector solutions. Under their experienced leadership the Foundation will continue to enhance the prominence of the health insurance industry through public service, education and community engagement."

The 2008-09 NAHU Education Foundation Board of Trustees are:

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NAHU represents more than 20,000 professional health insurance agents and brokers who provide insurance for millions of Americans. NAHU is headquartered in Arlington, VA. For more information, please contact Kelly Loussedes, vice president of public relations at 703-276-3835 or kloussedes@nahu.org.

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