



Suncoast Technology Forum Appoints Dan Forbes as Membership Committee Chair

SARASOTA, Florida (September 5, 2011) - Suncoast Technology Forum (STF), the leading technology industry advocacy group for companies creating and developing technology solutions in Sarasota, Manatee and Charlotte counties has appointed Daniel Forbes as the organization's Membership Committee Chairman. The purpose of STF's Membership and Services Committee is to educate businesses about membership benefits and help further the growth and resource development of STF by contributing to increasing member value, and enhancing related programs and services.

Daniel Forbes is a Financial Advisor with Merrill Lynch in Bradenton, Florida. He graduated from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and Luther Rice University with a Master's Degree in Divinity and a Minor in Counseling. Dan joined Merrill Lynch in 2008 with a background that spanned fourteen years as an entrepreneur and real estate brokerage owner, preceded by a twenty year career as a Pastor and Counselor.

Speaking about his new role as Chairman of STF's Membership Committee, Dan stated, "I am excited about chairing this committee and being involved in growing the STF membership. Prior to joining the Suncoast Technology Forum, I spent several months attending various STF educational and social events; and I met with many of their individual members to gain their perspectives on the value of membership. I guess you could say, 'we did our due diligence.' What I found was an organization that was engaged in the business community and supporting our local technology sector in ways that contribute to both personal and entrepreneurial success."

In reference to Mr. Forbes appointment, Jeff Kratsch, Executive Director of STF, stated, "The Suncoast Technology Forum is very fortunate to have Dan leading our Membership Committee, and personally I'm thrilled that STF has attracted the support of yet another outstanding member of our business community. As our member base continues to grow, month after month, I know that Dan will be instrumental in sharing our story with even more businesses and in helping our new members to get the most out everything STF has to offer."

About Suncoast Technology Forum

Suncoast Technology Forum was founded in 2005 by a group of local entrepreneurs, professionals and the Sarasota and Manatee economic development organizations. STF is a professional association of people united to make the tri-county area a place where technology-based business and innovation thrives. STF's mission is to create a technology-rich community, support technology entrepreneurship, and connect technology professionals with appropriate resources in the Florida Gulf Coast Region: "In short, to grow and promote the technology ecosystem in Sarasota, Manatee and Charlotte counties." For more information about the Suncoast Technology Forum, call 941-870-0078, email info@suncoasttechnologyforum.com, or visit www.suncoasttechnologyforum.com.

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