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EXECUTIVE BOARD

The following served as the voluntary members of the Executive Board and as directors of the English Basketball Association within the meaning of the Companies Act:

ELECTED (4):
 Alison Muir (*Chair*)
 Terry Donovan
 Kevin Hibbs
 Jeff Jones

CO-OPTED (3):
 Bob Mitchell
 Roger Moreland
 Peter Morton

CONVENORS

COMPETITIONS: Trevor Lowes

COUNCIL: Paul Christensen

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REGIONAL CHAIRS

EAST:
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PATRON:
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Since being elected to the position of Chair, early in December 2008, I have become more involved in the operations of England Basketball than ever before. This has included regular communication with our partner organisations, particularly with the Chairs of British Performance Basketball Ltd and the British Basketball League, and the various government agencies that we work with. This includes the Department of Culture Media & Sport and Sport England, to whom we are accountable for the grant funding that we receive.

Basketball faces many obstacles and challenges in England if the sport is to achieve the recognition, in terms of a greater public profile and funding, that the size of the sport deserves and it is essential that we continue to build on our working partnerships with affiliated basketball organisations, the government agencies, local authorities and the media. A recent reception at Westminster for members of parliament, and featuring the various elements of British basketball, should be instrumental in the formation of an all-parties group of MP's to assist in the promotion of, and support for, basketball.

Looking back over more than 30 years in basketball there is little doubt that this is one of the most exciting times that we have known. The London Olympics are but three years away and the progress made by the British teams since we began working together to produce teams in November 2005 has been excellent. The men's team has deservedly qualified for this year's elite European men's tournament (the 2009 EuroBasket in Poland) while the women's team has retained a place in Europe's A division. The recent appointment of the highly successful Australian coach Tom Maher as Head Coach for the British women saw him take the British student women's team to an outstanding best-ever 6th place at the World Student Games.

England Basketball continues to enter men's and women's teams in U16 and U18 European Championships while the U20 men and women compete as Great Britain. Their results have been mixed with considerable room for improvement; however the programme provides essential performance pathways and international experience for those with the potential to play for Great Britain at senior level.

Our national club leagues (EBL) also provide essential pathways for players, coaches and officials, and it is pleasing to note that even in these difficult economic times the increase in team entries has been sustained (details are on page 19). However, shortly prior to the

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printing of this report we experienced a consequence of the current economic climate with the 50% cut in the RAF's marketing budget resulting in RAF Careers' withdrawal from sponsoring sport. Although regrettable, please be assured that the competitions previously sponsored by RAF Careers will continue.

Finally, I thank my fellow directors for all their input and work, both at meetings of the Board and between meetings. Their combined experience is invaluable to England Basketball and their demonstrated teamwork is second to none. My thanks also go to the Chief Executive Keith Mair and our hard working England Basketball staff members, without whom we would not have the successful management of the numerous activities on account of which we have established basketball at the highest level. Many thanks to all affiliated members, especially those of you who are able to attend this year's Annual General Meeting. I look forward to working with you all throughout the next basketball season and beyond.

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Alison Muir

Chair

Alison Muir presents Div 1 Men's playoff MVP to Reading Rockets' Terrell Smith
Amaechi Basketball Centre, Manchester

Mike Arnfield

