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WOBBEKIND, HUANG ELECTED TO TOP POSTS AT NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR BUSINESS ECONOMICS

DENVER, CO—The National Association for Business Economics (NABE) has elected **Richard Wobbekind**, associate dean of the Leeds School of Business at the University of Colorado-Boulder, president of NABE for 2010-2011, and **Gene Huang**, chief economist and a vice president for FedEx, as vice president. Both will take office October 12, at the close of the NABE Annual Meeting in Denver.

"I am honored to be elected as NABE's next president," Wobbekind said. "My number-one priority will be to continue the momentum that has been established over the past year under the leadership of NABE President **Lynn Reaser** and Executive Director **Tom Beers**. We've made significant progress in many areas, including membership, education, roundtables, and conferences. My specific areas of focus will be membership expansion, the education initiative, and continued efforts at internationalization of the organization."

In addition to serving as associate dean for MBA and Executive Education Programs at the Leeds School, Wobbekind is also executive director of the Business Research Division at the University of Colorado at Boulder. He joined the Leeds School faculty in 1985, and became associate dean in July 2000. As director of the Business Research Division, he develops an annual consensus forecast of the Colorado economy. He also produces a quarterly business leaders confidence index for Colorado, and is a contributor to the Western Blue Chip forecast.

In 2008, Wobbekind received the R. Thayne Robson Award for career achievement in regional economics. He received the Robert L. Stearns Award for lifetime contributions in teaching, research, and service, and has also received four teaching excellence awards from Leeds School students.

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He holds a bachelor's degree in economics from Bucknell University, and a master's and PhD in economics from the University of Colorado at Boulder.

Huang Is New Vice President

NABE's new vice president, **Gene Huang**, began his corporate career in 1987 with a Wall Street money management firm. He worked for several large industrial companies before joining FedEx in 1999, where he leads a team that focuses on corporate economics, enterprise risks, strategic affairs, and the tracking and monitoring of all industries and countries FedEx serves.

He is a member of the Blue Chip Consensus Panel, the Wall Street Economic Panel, *BusinessWeek* Magazine's Business Outlook Panel, and ABC News's Economic Panel. He is also an elected member of the Conference of Business Economists (serving as chairman 2009-2010), the National Business Economic Issues Council, the European Council of Economists, and the Harvard Industrial Economists Group. The author of two books on business economics and many articles published in economic and policy journals, he is an honored professor at the School of Management at Fudan University in Shanghai, China. A former NABE director, he is currently on the board of the NABE Foundation.

Huang received his MA from Yale University and his PhD from the University of Pennsylvania. He also holds a law degree from Fudan University.

New NABE Directors

Four members were elected to three-year terms on the NABE Board of Directors: **Jay Bryson**, global economist at Wells Fargo; **Shawn DuBravac**, economist at the Consumer Electronics Association; **Nayantara Hensel**, chief economist for the Department of the Navy; and **George Kahn**, vice president and associate director for research at the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City. NABE members also elected **Adolfo Laurenti**, deputy chief economist and managing director at Mesirow Financial in Chicago, to take the unexpired term of **Kim Beaton**, economist at the Bank of Canada, who resigned from the board. NABE's board has 16 members: the president, vice president, two past presidents, and 12 directors.

ABOUT NABE: NABE is the premier professional association for business economists and those who use economics in the workplace. Since 1959, NABE has attracted the brightest minds and the most prominent figures in economics, business, and academia to its membership with highly-regarded conferences, educational and career development offerings, industry surveys, and its unrivaled networking opportunities. The NABE membership is organized into ten subject-oriented Roundtables, including: Corporate Planning, Financial, Health Economics, International, Manufacturing/Industry, Real Estate/Construction, Regional/Utility, Small Business and Entrepreneurship, Technology, and Transfer Pricing. Past presidents of NABE include former Chairman of the Board of Governors for the Federal Reserve System, Alan Greenspan, several former Federal Reserve Governors, and other senior business leaders. For more information, please visit www.nabe.com.

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