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## **14 Members Elected to COMPTTEL Board of Directors**

### **Deb Ward of TSI Selected as Association's First Chairwoman**

**LAS VEGAS** – Members of COMPTTEL, the leading trade association for the competitive communications industry, yesterday elected 14 companies to serve on the COMPTTEL Board of Directors for the 2014-2016 term during the annual membership meeting at the COMPTTEL *PLUS* Spring 2014 Convention & EXPO. These newly elected board members join the others who are currently serving their 2013-2015 terms.

Today, at its first meeting with the newly elected directors, the Board selected Deb Ward, CEO of TSI, as its chairwoman. Chris Murray, senior vice president of Public Policy at EarthLink, was selected as vice chairman; and Jim Butman, group president at TDS, was re-elected as the association's treasurer. Rounding out the Executive Committee are four at-large members, including Robert Beaty, president of Impact Telecom; Dale R. Schmick, former COMPTTEL Chairman and COO of YourTel America Inc.; Julia Strow, co-founder of Cbeyond Inc.; and Ben Vos, vice president of Business Operations for Sprint Wholesale & Emerging Solutions.

"I am honored to be selected by my peers on the board to serve as the first chairwoman of COMPTTEL," said Ward. "Looking ahead, I see great opportunities for the association to create even more value for our members. I am excited to work closely with COMPTTEL members, the board and staff to strengthen and grow our membership, increase the networking opportunities at our shows and successfully address the challenges our industry is facing on the policy front."

Companies elected to the board for the 2014-2016 term include:

***Small Member Category***

- ComSpan – Mark Scully, President
- Fatbeam – Greg Green, President
- Global Convergence Solutions – Chris Birdsall, Executive Vice President, Global Sales
- TeleQuality Communications, Inc. – Tim Koxlein, Founder and CEO

***Medium Member Category***

- Alpheus Communications, LLC – Scott Widham, CEO
- ANPI – Gene Chohon, Vice President, Sales – Carrier Solutions
- FirstLight Fiber – Kurt Van Wagenen, President and CEO
- TNCI & Blue Casa Telephone – Jeff Compton, CEO/President

***Large Member Category***

- Cbeyond, Inc. – Julia Strow, Co-Founder
- EarthLink – Chris Murray, Senior Vice President of Public Policy
- Granite – Sam Kline, Vice President, Strategic Initiatives
- Sprint – Ben Vos, Vice President Emerging Solutions
- tw telecom, inc. – Rochelle Jones, Vice President - Regulatory
- Windstream – Eric Einhorn, Senior Vice President - Government Affairs

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Based in Washington, D.C., COMPTEL is the leading industry association representing competitive communications service providers and their supplier partners. COMPTEL members are entrepreneurial companies driving technological innovation and creating economic growth through competitive voice, video, and data offerings and the development and deployment of next-generation, IP-based networks and services. COMPTEL advances its members' interests through trade shows, networking, education, and policy advocacy before Congress, the Federal Communications Commission and the courts. COMPTEL works to ensure that competitive communications providers can continue to offer lower prices, better service, and greater innovation to consumers. For more information, visit [www.comptel.org](http://www.comptel.org).