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## **Wisconsin Paper Council Elects New Chairman: Thomas A. Danz, George A. Whiting Paper Co.**

NEENAH – Thomas A. Danz, President & COO of George A. Whiting Paper Co., Menasha, was elected chairman of the Wisconsin Paper Council for the 2007-2008 fiscal year at the association's 57<sup>th</sup> annual meeting, May 31, at the Best Western Bridgewood Hotel, Neenah.

He succeeds Bruce A. Ridley, Mill Manager, Packaging Corporation of America, Tomahawk.

Prior to joining Whiting Paper Company, Tom was employed by Mead Corporation as the Vice President – Operations of the Gilbert Paper Division in Menasha (1994-1998). Before joining Mead, he worked in various management capacities at several Fox River Paper Company locations in Appleton, Wis. (1984-1988), Housatonic, Mass. (1988-1991), and Urbana, Ohio (1991-1994). Tom also worked for Ward Paper Company from 1978-1984 in both environmental and technical roles.

Danz is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point (BS Water Science/ Minor in Forestry-1978) and the Michigan University Business School Executive Program (1997).

Tom and his wife Marilyn reside in Neenah.

Deborah J. Olander, Executive Vice President, George A. Whiting Paper Co., Menasha, will serve as the association's treasurer.

Wisconsin has been the number one papermaking state in the country for more than 50 years. The Wisconsin Paper Council is the trade association of the pulp and paper industry in Wisconsin.

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