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***MLBPA Executive Board Votes Unanimously to Approve
Michael Weiner as Executive Director, Effective Immediately***

Scottsdale, AZ, Wednesday, December 02, 2009 ... The Executive Board of the Major League Baseball Players Association voted unanimously to approve the selection of Michael Weiner as Executive Director, effective immediately, it was announced today during the MLBPA's annual Executive Board meeting. Weiner replaces Donald Fehr, who announced his resignation plans on June 22, following 26 years as Executive Director.

Weiner, 47, the Association's General Counsel since 2004, joined the MLBPA in 1988 as counsel. He has participated in virtually every negotiating session with the Clubs in the last several rounds of bargaining, and for much of his tenure he has been the staff counsel with the primary responsibility for administering and enforcing the Basic Agreement.

"It is with great pleasure that today we officially name Michael Weiner as our next Executive Director," said Association Player Representative, Tony Clark. "For more than 20 years Michael has worked diligently and tirelessly to support and defend the rights of players. We are extremely confident that the future of our union is in good hands with Michael at the helm. Also, I want to thank Don for all he accomplished on our behalf during his tenure. We all owe him a tremendous debt of gratitude."

"I want to thank the players for their support throughout this entire selection process," said Weiner. "It has been a pleasure to serve the players over the past 21 years, and I am eager to now serve as their Executive Director. I look forward to leading the players in this ever-changing and challenging industry. Also, I would like to thank Don for having the confidence and faith in my abilities to endorse me for this position."

"I have worked closely with Michael for more than two decades. He has the complete confidence of the players, and I know from long personal experience that their confidence in him is well deserved," said Fehr. "I have no doubt that under Mike's leadership the MLBPA will continue to set the standard for what a union can be, and what a union should be. The best and most successful days of this extraordinary union are yet to come."

On July 7, 2009, following the recommendation of Fehr, the Executive Board announced its preliminary decision to name Weiner as the MLBPA's next executive director. The Board directed then that the matter be put to a vote of the full membership -- players, managers, coaches and trainers. The members then voted overwhelmingly (1,055 to 4) to endorse the Executive Board's recommendation. The Executive Board's vote culminating in today's announcement is the final stage of the selection process.

The MLBPA Executive Board is comprised of Player Representatives, Alternate Player Representatives and members of the Executive Subcommittee.

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