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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
KEVIN KLOSE, PRESIDENT EMERITUS, NATIONAL PUBLIC
RADIO TO RECEIVE NORTH AMERICAN BROADCASTERS
ASSOCIATION'S 2009 INTERNATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT
AWARD



Toronto, Ontario, Canada (May 28, 2009) – Kevin Klose will be honoured by the North American Broadcasters Association (NABA) in recognition of his outstanding leadership in the broadcasting industry at a luncheon during its *Conference & Annual General Meeting* in Washington, D.C. on Thursday June 4, 2009.

The NABA International Achievement Award is presented annually and recognizes individuals who have demonstrated extraordinary leadership in broadcasting and commitment to the organization's goals and principles.

A former editor, and national and foreign correspondent with The Washington Post, Klose is an award-winning author and international broadcasting executive. Prior to joining NPR in December 1998, Klose served successively as Director of U.S. International Broadcasting, overseeing the U.S. Government's global radio and television news services (1997-98); and President of Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (RFE/RL), broadcasting to Central Europe and the former Soviet Union (1994-97). Klose first joined RFE/RL in 1992 as Director of Radio Liberty, broadcasting to the former Soviet Union in its national languages.

Under Klose, NPR became the United State's premier non-profit source of fact-based, contextual journalism for radio, the internet, cell phone, and satellite delivery systems. NPR's national radio audience doubled from 13 million weekly listeners in 1998 to 26 million weekly listeners today, a growth rate unmatched by any U.S. broadcast or cable network.

Klose is also the author of *Russia and the Russians: Inside the Closed Society*, winner of the Overseas Press Club's Cornelius Ryan Award; and co-author of four other books. Since April of this year, Klose has assumed the position of Dean of the University of Maryland's Philip Merrill College of Journalism.

Mr. Klose's focus on the value of international broadcasting news and information has been in the best tradition of NABA, whose mission is to promote the interests of North American Broadcasters internationally through cooperation and coordination with the world's broadcasters as well as international regulatory and policy bodies.

The *2009 NABA Conference & Annual General Meeting* (AGM) being held in Washington, DC from June 3-5th, and provides an excellent forum to recognize Mr. Klose's many accomplishments as broadcast industry leaders from Canada, Mexico and the United States gather for this important conference. The award will be presented during the *International Achievement Award Luncheon* on June 4th from 12:30 – 14:30 EDT at the historic Willard Intercontinental Hotel.

About NABA

NABA is a non-profit union of the most influential broadcasting organizations throughout North America committed to advancing the interests of broadcasters at home and internationally. As a member of the World Broadcasting Unions (WBU), NABA creates the opportunity for North American broadcasters to share information, identify common interests and reach consensus on issues of an international nature. NABA provides representation for North American broadcasters in global forums on topics including journalism issues, protection of content, spectrum related concerns, the territorial integrity of broadcasters' signals, and digital transmission issues.

NABA's members represent some of the most successful broadcasters in North America. Public and private network broadcasters in the United States, Mexico and Canada working together to provide a common voice for the North American broadcast community.

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For more information on the *2009 NABA Conference & AGM*, please visit www.nabanet.com.