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**TV METEOROLOGIST & CABOT SR. OFFICER
Two Elected To State Science Fair Board**

Cambridge, MA – November 2010 -- Barnas G. Monteith, Chair, Massachusetts State Science & Engineering Fair, Inc., is pleased to welcome two new members to its Board of Directors. Mish Michaels, former WBZ-TV meteorologist, and Jane A. Bell, Secretary of Boston based Cabot Corporation, were elected to the Board on at its recent meeting. "We are thrilled to have these extraordinary individuals on our Board," says Monteith. "They recognize the value of engaging our young people in science and technology education. With their respective experience and backgrounds, they will provide valuable knowledge and insights into the roles that education has in the media and corporate worlds. They will also have key roles, in the continuous development of strategic organizational goals that effectively assist in building the next generation of a highly skilled scientific and technological workforce."

Mish Michaels is an Emmy Award winning broadcast meteorologist and environmental reporter in Boston. An enthusiastic supporter of Science Fair programs in schools, Ms. Michaels brought tremendous energy to the statewide High School Award Recognition Ceremony at MIT, serving as Emcee for two years. Her innovative clips about students' science research projects broadcast on WBZ-TV evening news brought large crowds to the public viewing of student projects.

In addition to her field coverage of storms, for many years Ms. Michaels was the only reporter in Boston dedicated to covering stories related to weather and climate. Her work for The Weather Channel show, Atmospheres, spanned the globe from air pollution studies in the Swiss Alps to ice climbing in Calgary. Michaels has been profiled in a variety of local, national and international publications. She has been named one of the "Top Ten Young Leaders" by the Boston Jaycees, "Big Sister of the Year" by the Big Sister Association, and "Young Alumni of the Year" by Cornell University. She holds a BS in Atmospheric Science from Cornell and an MEd from the Harvard Graduate School of Education, Mish Michaels is a "weather educator" and has also been widely published on many weather topics..

Jane A. Bell is the Corporate Secretary and Counsel for CABOT CORPORATION, where she advises senior management and the Cabot Board of Directors on securities, corporate governance, executive compensation and benefits, transactional and general corporate matters. She is an ardent supporter of the science fair program in Massachusetts, and under her leadership, Cabot has continued to be the lead sponsor of the MSSEF Middle School Science and Engineering Fair. With this support, the Middle School statewide program has grown geometrically over the last few years, inspiring thousands of young students to pursue science, technology and engineering education.

An advocate for “hands-on” science education that motivates and prepares young people to keep exploring their curiosity about the world, Ms. Bell brings over 20 years of experience in corporate law and strategic planning for both public and private sector organizations to the MSSEF Board.

Prior to joining Cabot, Ms. Bell was in private practice at the law firms of Shearman & Sterling in New York and Wilmer Hale and Choate, Hall and Stewart in Boston. Ms. Bell is a graduate of Denison University and Boston College Law School (Magna Cum Laude), where she served as an editor of the Law Review.

About MSSEF

The Massachusetts State Science & Engineering Fair (MSSEF) is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) charitable organization that was founded in 1949 by the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and a group of spirited K-12 science educators and MIT scientists. For six decades, MSSEF programs have advanced science literacy and inspired new generations of science and engineering leaders.

MSSEF’s efforts in support of “real world” inquiry-based learning impact thousands of students each year across the Commonwealth. Students with the most outstanding scientific research and engineering design projects are selected to participate in the culminating statewide Science Fair events, competing for over \$500,000 in scholarships and prizes. MSSEF’s Curious Minds Initiative is now working with 28 schools (77% in high needs districts), providing support and expertise over a multi-year period to help these schools develop science fair programs. MSSEF also provides professional development opportunities for science teachers and helps to support a network of twelve Regional Science Fair Centers in Massachusetts.

Now in its 62nd year, MSSEF’s mission remains constant: to increase awareness of, exposure to, and participation in inquiry-based learning through the development of science and engineering projects by middle school and high school students, and to showcase and celebrate their learning.

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Statewide High School Fair @ MIT Saturday May 6, 2011

Statewide Middle School Fair in Worcester Saturday June 4, 2011.

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