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### **Catherine Houser of Viacom Media Networks and Jo O'Brien of CNBC Join CTHRA's Board of Directors**

**Naperville, Ill., June 7, 2012** — Today, the Cable and Telecommunications Human Resources Association (CTHRA) announced the appointment of two new members to its board of directors. Catherine Houser, executive vice president of human resources (HR) for Viacom Media Networks, and Jo O'Brien, senior vice president of HR for CNBC.



Houser (pictured at left) has managed HR teams in the entertainment industry for 27 years. Before joining MTV Networks in 1997, she was senior vice president of HR and operations for Orion Pictures Corporation. Prior to Orion, she oversaw HR and operations for Merv Griffin Enterprises. Houser is actively involved in her community, working for several non-profit organizations in the LGBT community.

O'Brien (pictured below) joined General Electric in 1999. Before moving to CNBC in 2008 she was VP Organization, Staffing and Development for GE Money Americas. Prior to her role at GE Money Americas she served in HR roles for GE Corporate Legal Operations, as well as GE Global Exchange Services in the United Kingdom. O'Brien started her career at Accenture in the U.K.



"CTHRA is thrilled to welcome Catherine and Jo to our board of directors. Each brings a unique perspective based on years of HR experience to the role. We look forward to their contributions and leadership," shared CTHRA president Erin Hand who is also vice president of talent and development for Cox Communications.

In their role, Houser and O'Brien will be responsible for the strategic planning, development and oversight of policies and procedures, financial management and program development for the nonprofit organization which serves 1,600 members across 100 companies. The two will begin their terms at

CTHRA's June 14 board meeting Atlanta. They will be introduced to CTHRA's membership at the association's Talent Everywhere Symposium on June 15.

In addition to Houser, O'Brien, and Hand, CTHRA's 2012 board of directors includes Christopher Powell, EVP of HR for Scripps Networks Interactive; William Strahan, EVP of HR for Comcast Cable; Tomas Mathews, EVP of HR for Time Warner Cable; Lisa Chang, SVP of HR for Turner Broadcasting System; Sheryl Anderson, SVP of HR and administration for Starz Entertainment; Rosalind Clay Carter, SVP of HR for A+E Television Networks; Pamela Hagan, corporate vice president of HR for Bright House Networks; Eric Hawkins, SVP of HR for Discovery Communications; Lisa Kaye, president & CEO for greenlightjobs.com; Abby Pfeiffer, SVP of HR for Charter Communications; Paul Richardson, SVP of HR for ESPN Inc. and chief diversity officer for The Walt Disney Company; and Janice Turner, SVP of HR for WOW! Internet, Cable and Phone. For more information about CTHRA, please visit [www.cthra.com](http://www.cthra.com).

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### **About CTHRA**

The Cable and Telecommunications Human Resources Association (CTHRA) is the premier human capital resource for the industry and a growing nonprofit organization with more than 1,600 members spanning 100 companies. CTHRA provides industry-specific benchmarks, information and resources, as well as networking and educational opportunities. Its groundbreaking initiatives include compensation, employee benefits and human capital metrics surveys; an annual Symposium; roundtables and webinars. For more information, visit [www.cthra.com](http://www.cthra.com).

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