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ROBERT MILLER NAMED CHAIRMAN OF NYC OUTWARD BOUND BOARD

Sulzberger Steps Down After Second Term Marked by Launch Of 5 Gates-Funded Expeditionary Learning Schools in NYC

LONG ISLAND CITY, NY, January 3, 2007—New York City Outward Bound, one of five such urban-based education centers in the country, announced that **Robert Miller**, president of Hyperion Books, has been elected chairman of the Board, succeeding **Arthur Sulzberger, Jr.**, who has stepped down after his second term as chairman. Board members **Terri Santisi**, executive vice president, chief financial officer and chief administrator officer, IMG; **Peter Thonis**, senior vice president-external communications, Verizon Communications and **Carl Weisbrod**, executive vice president, real estate, Trinity Church-St. Paul's Chapel, were named vice chairs. The announcements came at a year-end reception for Board members, staff and friends of the organization in December.

“I see New York City Outward Bound as part of a larger movement to transform public schools into smaller learning environments,” Miller said. “Our challenges will be twofold. First, how do we continue to support our schools beyond their Gates funding? And second, how can we all continue to make sure that we are fulfilling our promise to our students and giving them what they have been told to expect from our schools?” The organization currently operates five public schools in the City.

“New York City Outward Bound is about to begin its 20th year, and I couldn't be more proud of what we have accomplished in the last two decades,” noted Sulzberger,

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chairman of *The New York Times Company*, and a founder of the non-profit organization, where he will remain a member of the Board. “We have achieved everything I or any of our other founding Board members could have imagined, and more. I also couldn’t be more confident in our new chairman and in his team ... Our best days are still ahead of us.”

Miller, who joined the Board in 2004, takes the helm at the midpoint in NYC Outward Bound’s creation of seven small middle and high schools. That year, in partnership with the New York City Department of Education, and with a seed grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the organization embarked on a five-year program to launch the new schools as part of the City’s “Small School Initiative.” The schools opened thus far are: Bronx Expeditionary Learning High School, The James Baldwin Academy, Validus Preparatory Academy and Washington Heights Expeditionary Learning School. In addition, an existing school—Humanities Preparatory Academy—joined NYC Outward Bound’s network of small Expeditionary Learning Schools in September, 2005.

Miller founded Hyperion Books, which specializes in fiction and non-fiction for adults, for the Walt Disney Company in 1990. Before joining Disney, he was a vice president at Dell Publishing and editorial director of Delacorte Press. A graduate of Boston University, Miller began his career in 1978 at St. Martin’s Press and moved into the post of editor there. Later he joined Warner Books as a senior editor. He is chairman of the Trade Executive Committee of the Association of American Publishers.

Founded in 1987, New York City Outward Bound is an independent non-profit organization that brings the educational philosophy and expertise of Outward Bound to New York City’s public schools. In addition to its network of five small Expeditionary Learning™ schools, NYC Outward Bound conducts in-school and after-school programs for students in literacy, leadership and character development; teacher training in classroom management, literacy instruction, curriculum planning and diversity; and organizational development programs for faculty, administration, parents and staff. For further information on NYC Outward Bound and its growing network of schools, visit www.nycoutwardbound.org.

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