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**WilliamCharles Executive Search Partner and Co-Founder, Bill Benson, Appointed
as Chair of FinanceNet for Grand Rapids-Based National Personnel Associates
(NPA)**

GRAND RAPIDS, MI. May 8, 2006—The National Personnel Associates' (NPA) Board of Directors recently announced the appointment of Bill Benson as Chair of the NPA's accounting, banking and finance specialty recruitment group, *FinanceNet* for the 2006 through 2007 term.

Benson, partner and co-founder of *WilliamCharles Executive Search* and its subsidiary, *Financial Edge Executive Resources* brings more than 26 years of recruiting and finance experience to the organization. Prior to forming WilliamCharles Executive Search and Financial Edge Executive Resources in 2001 with partner, Chuck Smeester, Benson served as senior manager for a large, international recruiting firm where he managed four regional offices.

Benson's firm, WilliamCharles Executive Search recruits executive and mid-level talent, and provides business leaders with retained and contingency services in specialty disciplines including human resources, legal, operations, and sales/marketing. WilliamCharles Executive Search fills positions from President and Chief Executive Officer down to senior and middle-level managers, including executive assistants. Through Financial Edge Executive Resources, Benson and his firm deliver specialized accounting and finance expertise—and place professional accounting and finance personnel on a permanent, interim or per-project basis.

NPA is a Grand Rapids-based, member-owned network that brings over 400 independent recruiting firms together to facilitate cooperative placements. Founded in 1956, the cooperative is governed by an elected Board of Directors. FinanceNet is comprised of NPA recruiters sharing similar occupational specialties in the areas of accounting, banking and finance.