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Executive Committee Members for the ParlAmericas Canadian Section elected at the Annual General Meeting

OTTAWA – February 28, 2019 – The <u>Canadian Section of ParlAmericas</u> held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) in the newly renovated West Block, on February 19, 2019. At the AGM, parliamentarians who are members of the Canadian Section elected the <u>Executive Committee's members</u> for fiscal year 2019-2020. The Executive Committee plans and directs the Canadian Section's work.

At the meeting, the <u>Honourable Bob Nault</u>, P.C., M.P., was re-elected as Chair of the Canadian Section for a fourth term. Since September 2018, he has also served as President of ParlAmericas.

"The work of parliamentary associations – of which the Canadian Section of ParlAmericas is a leading example – is crucially important but often understated," said Mr. Nault. "Discussions with our parliamentary colleagues in other countries enable us to exchange ideas, explore options and share best practices as we legislate on behalf of the people we represent."

Joining Mr. Nault on the Canadian Section's Executive Committee are: Mr. Randy Boissonnault, M.P. and the Honourable Rosa Galvez, Senator as Vice-Chairs; and the Honourable Percy E. Downe, Senator, Ms. Julie Dzerowicz, M.P., Ms. Stephanie Kusie, M.P., the Honourable Michael L. MacDonald, Senator, Mr. Anthony Rota, M.P., Mr. Larry Maguire, M.P., the Honourable Raymonde Saint-Germain, Senator; Ms. Brigitte Sansoucy, M.P. and the Honourable Judy Sgro, P.C., M.P.

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