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## **GATOR BOWL SPORTS ANNOUNCES NEW CHAIRMAN AND VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP**

JACKSONVILLE, FL—Gator Bowl Sports announced today their leadership for the upcoming year. David Long, President of Miller Electric Company, will take the reins as the 2017 Chairman of Gator Bowl Sports.

A North Florida native, Mr. Long began his career at Miller Electric out of high school in 1975 as a construction wireman, then entering the NECA/IBEW Electrical Apprenticeship in 1977. After apprenticeship graduation in 1981, he has worked as a service technician, foreman, general foreman, to field supervisor of large accounts in 1985. He began his management career in 1991 as an estimator before being promoted to Assistant Project Manager, Project Manager, Senior Project Manager, and Vice President of the Corporate Services Division in 2002. As Vice President of the Corporate Services Division, he led the expansion of the company beyond its roots, and opened branch offices throughout the Southeast. This expansion allowed Miller Electric to grow not only geographically, but his leadership added many corporate accounts to the company portfolio. During this period of time, Mr. Long also graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Management from Nova Southeastern University. He was promoted to Senior Vice President in 2004 and to President in September of 2012.

Today, Mr. Long is one of the primary license holders in the company. He currently holds electrical contracting licenses in 40 States including Washington DC.

Through his involvement in the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA), Mr. Long is seen as a leader in the electrical contracting industry. He served as Governor of NECA North Florida Chapter, the National Workforce Development Committee for NECA, and The National Joint Apprenticeship Committee. He currently serves as the NECA National Workforce Development Chairman and District 3 Vice President. David is co-Chairman of the National Training Alliance and the NECA Labor Relations Board. Mr. Long was awarded the Coggeshall Award in 2012 this award was established in 1956 as a result of a bequest to the Association by Allan Coggeshall to honor a member of the Association who is adjudged to have made an outstanding contribution to the progress of the industry in the Technical and Training Service field. David was inducted in the academy of Electrical Contracting in 2013.

Outside the industry, he has served as President and Board Member of National Leukemia Society, and Executive Board Member of Dreams Come True Foundation. In addition to his duties as Chairman of Gator Bowl Sports, Mr. Long is Trustee of the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce, a

United Way Tocqueville Member and a Rotarian. He also serves as Trustee at Trinity Baptist College Board.

Chairman Long will preside over all three Gator Bowl Sports entities; the Jacksonville Sports Council, TaxSlayer Bowl and Gator Bowl Sports Charities.

Serving as Chairman-Elect of Gator Bowl Sports is Jamie Shelton, President of bestbet Jacksonville. As Chairman-Elect he will also oversee the Game Committee for the 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual TaxSlayer Bowl which will played on Saturday, December 30, 2017.

Mr. Shelton is a graduate of David Lipscomb University in Nashville, Tennessee receiving his B.S. in Accounting and is a graduate of the University of Memphis in Memphis, Tennessee receiving his M.B.A. in Finance.

Mr. Shelton began his professional career as a Certified Public Accountant for Arthur Andersen in Memphis, Tennessee rising from staff accountant to Senior Manager of Audit and Advisory Services. He left the firm to join one of its public sector clients, Jacksonville-based Regency Centers in 2001.

At Regency Centers, Jamie was Vice President - Controller of Western Operations and was promoted to the role of Vice President - Real Estate Accounting & Risk Management with responsibility for the operations' portfolio for the entire United States. In 2009, Jamie joined bestbet Jacksonville as its Chief Financial Officer and in May 2013, Jamie was promoted to President where he oversees the company's operations, financial functions and public affairs.

Actively involved in Northeast Florida, Jamie currently serves as a member of the Board of Trustees of Jacksonville University, the Board of Directors for the JAX Chamber, the Jacksonville Port Authority and the Jacksonville Sports Council.

In addition, Jamie is a member of the Jacksonville Civic Council and is a graduate of Leadership Jacksonville and was a past Leadership Giving Chair for the United Way of Northeast Florida. Jamie and his wife Ali are past chairs of the Sulzbacher Center's Annual Transformations Gala and the Jewish Community Alliance's Annual Gala and are members of the Wolfson Children's DreamCoat Society, DreamMakers.

Jamie is married to Allison (Ali) Korman Shelton and have five children, Grant (23), Mia (20), Juliette (17), Camp (5) and Ellie (4).

**2017 Officers of Gator Bowl Sports:**

Chairman:	David Long, President, Miller Electric Company
Chairman-Elect:	Jamie Shelton, President, bestbet Jacksonville
President/CEO:	Rick Catlett, President/CEO, Gator Bowl Sports
Secretary:	Scott McCaleb, President, Vulcan Lands, Inc.
Treasurer:	Scott Keith, Regional President, BB&T
Immediate Past Chair:	David Boree, President, W.W. Gay Mechanical Contractor, Inc.

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