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**BRAD RIXMANN OF *PAWN AMERICA*
NAMED NEW PRESIDENT OF MINNESOTA
PAWN ASSOCIATION**

Twin Cities, MN- The Minnesota Pawn Association is proud to announce Brad Rixmann has been elected to serve as President for the Association in 2006. Brad Rixmann is the Chief Manager of *Pawn America* Minnesota LLC, a locally-owned retail and lending business with 14 locations throughout the Midwest. "Brad was elected by his peers," says Pat Martyn, Executive Director of the Minnesota Pawn Association. "I think Brad has developed a public persona as the face of the pawn industry. His stores are clean, modern, well lit and wonderful retail outlets that provide a great service to our communities. More than that, Brad's leadership abilities have impressed our members to the point where he was a natural selection to lead this group," adds Martyn.

Members of the Minnesota Pawn Association represent a majority of pawn brokers in the state. The group meets several times a year and maintains three priorities:

- ♣ Compliance with applicable state and federal laws to ensure customers are treated ethically and fairly
- ♣ Improve the public image of the pawn industry
- ♣ Facilitate the already ongoing growth within the industry

"I am thrilled to be named President of the Minnesota Pawn Association," Rixmann says. "I feel confident my experience, ideas and most importantly my passion for ethical practices will help change the perception of our industry which is often steeped in assumptions. I look forward to working with city, state and business leaders as well as consumers to reposition the pawn industry within the eyes of our communities," adds Rixmann.

The Minnesota Pawn Association strongly supports consumer protection as is evident with the Minnesota Pawn Broker Law which the association not only supported, but was instrumental in passing. "It's important that we support these consumer protections because an informed consumer market provides stability and reliability not only for the consumer, but our industry as well," Martyn explains.

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