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**ING 2019 Leadership Networking Summit Announces Three Keynote Speakers
'GET IT ON! WHAT IT MEANS TO LEAD THE WAY'**

CHICAGO, Illinois – The International Newspaper Group (ING) board of directors is excited to highlight its keynote speakers for **ING/PRINT 2019**, the premiere-networking summit for print production, logistics and operations executive leadership, to be held October 4-5 at Chicago's Wyndham Grand Chicago Riverfront. **ING 2019** is the single event where "print centric" leadership from Americas and Europe will meet, network and share best in class ideas.

"We are delighted to welcome our leadership keynote speaker, Mr. Keni Thomas, author, speaker, musician and decorated former Task Force Army Ranger," said Steve Mattingly, ING program chair. "His message and lessons from *Blackhawk Down: 'GET IT ON! WHAT IT MEANS TO LEAD THE WAY'* equips him to provide the ING audience valuable insights and inspiration, as we set the stage for a wonderfully interactive, highly participatory exchange of ideas, encouragement and proven solutions for execs hungry for answers to their challenges and issues," suggests Mattingly.

"Leadership has never been about the rank or the position you hold. It's about the example you set," exclaims Thomas. "There are people to your left and to your right who are counting on you and its up to you to deliver. But you will only be as good as you prepared yourself to be." Mr. Thomas, a recipient of the bronze star for valor will be one of three keynote speakers that will have ING attendees fully engaged with crisp, action-inducing messages and innovative methods to lead their operations to healthier successes.

Saturday morning's keynote will feature industry veteran and president of New Media Investment Group Ventures, Jason Taylor. Jason is also president of Gatehouse Live Promotions and Events, overseeing the creation and development of new businesses and strategies that leverage local media assets of sister company, GateHouse Media and other media partners to optimize performance and scale. 'LEADERSHIP, REVENUE AND COST MANAGEMENT IN A CONSOLIDATING & DECLINING MARKET SPACE' is the subject matter that Taylor will address. He has presented his approach and ideas in 45 states and over 68 industry and related conferences.

Mr. Joe Deluca, well known industry expert, newspaper captain and community leader, current vice president of the Time Publishing Company and publisher of both the Tampa edition of the Times and TampaBay.com, will deliver the afternoon keynote. 'EMBRACING THE CHALLENGE & LEADING THE CHARGE – CURRENT STATE OF DEMAND FOR OUR PRODUCT; TECHNOLOGIES' IMPACT ON CUSTOMER BEHAVIOR AND PERCEPTION OF OUR INDUSTRY; THE PATH FORWARD' fuses Deluca's production wit and wisdom derived from hands-on experience producing 70 newspapers and 50 monthly publications along the East Coast. "These gentlemen are breaking the mold when it comes to leadership conferences", declares Russ Newton, ING president and Bay Area Production Services general manager.

ING 2019 vows to deliver some of the most respected, internationally recognized newspaper industry experts and speakers ever gathered in one place at one time. This leadership networking summit also incorporates legal and labor experts, as well as leaders from Dow Jones Publishing, Gatehouse Media, Penske, Brandt, Post Media and others, driving the lively conversation among three expert panel discussions.

The **ING 2019** Summit will be held concurrently with **PRINT 19**, The Association for PRINT Technologies' (APTech) signature event at McCormick Place. As a sponsoring partner of ING 2019, **PRINT 19** is providing newspaper execs a pre-show, guided tour of the show floor for a behind-the-scenes peek at the latest in print and graphic technology plus free exhibit hall admission during show hours.

Russ Newton reports record level support from 35 (22 brand new) OEM and vendor sponsors delivering a 155% increase over previous years' support levels. He attributes that success to the enthusiasm of the industry at large as ING answers the demand being shouted out by production executives across the country, "Create a print centric meeting."

Keynote Keni Thomas reminds us, “In the pace of life, it is easy to lose perspective on our value to others.” Make no mistake: Your presence is crucial! ING’s mission and statement of purpose is clear: If you are the one in your organization responsible for Print, Logistics, Distribution, Workflows, Integrated Services, Real Estate/Facilities and more...ING is the one event you must attend to learn how your fellow production/operations leaders and suppliers are navigating the sea of change affecting our businesses.

“We are on a mission to spread the word to publishers, executive committees and OEM partners of all shapes and sizes, encouraging them to support, endorse and fund the attendance of their production and operations managers at **ING 2019**,” exhorts Russ Newton, ING president. “This is so important to newspapers everywhere that they have the opportunity to find answers and solutions to their needs... from fellow professionals.”

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The ONE gathering where every single production exec attending will bring home more information, answers and contacts crucial to the well-being of their operations.

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