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## **Daddyshome Elects New Board Members**

[Daddyshome, Inc., The National At-Home Dad Network](#), elected three new board members Oct. 8 at its [16th Annual Convention](#).

[Bill Ekhardt](#) of Des Moines, Iowa; [Chad Welch](#) of St. Peters, Mo.; and [Greg Washington](#) of Morrisonville, Wis., were voted in during Daddyshome's annual meeting, which was held in Alexandria, Va. Seven dads sought a position on the group's board.

"We had seven extremely qualified, diverse and passionate fathers who stepped up to run for the Board," Daddyshome President Al Watts said. "Each of them was capable of advancing our organization. I am extremely excited to work with Bill, Chad and Greg who will work hard to grow Daddyshome into a well-respected national support network for at-home dads."

Each new member will serve three years on the board.

Bill Ekhardt, who also serves as treasurer of Daddyshome, is a former Presbyterian pastor and an at-home dad of five years for his four children ages 6, 5, 4 and 2. He is also an MBA student and has served on or led finance committees for 15 years and has been a business consultant for other non-profit organizations.

Chad Welch is highly involved in Daddyshome serving as secretary and as chair of the Communications and Marketing Committee. He has been a full-time at-home dad since 2001 and has two boys, 11 and 5.

Greg Washington is a 10-year at-home dad and home schools his three boys. He was the North Regional Coordinator for Daddyshome and participates in a dad panel at Edgewood College helping students learn about the different roles of fathers today. He also was recently named chairman of the board of his semi-pro football team.

In addition to electing the three board members, Daddyshome retained Al Watts, Omaha, Neb., as president, and Jim O'Dowd, Boulder, Colo., as vice president along with Welch as secretary and Ekhardt as treasurer.

[Daddyshome](#) is a 501c3 non-profit organization that supports, educates and advocates for fathers who are the primary caregivers of their children.

