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London Dentist and Community Leader Selected for SKED's General Membership

LONDON, Ky. – A London dentist and member of the London-Laurel County Industrial Development Authority (IDA) is the newest member of Southeast Kentucky Economic Development Corporation (SKED's) General Membership.

Mike Trospser, owner of Pepperhill Dental Care in London, was nominated to be a representative for the Laurel County area and installed as one of the 25-member group at SKED's annual meeting this spring. The General Membership is comprised of community and business leaders throughout SKED's 45-county service area.

SKED Board Chairman Tim Barnes said Trospser is a seamless addition to the SKED advisory board.

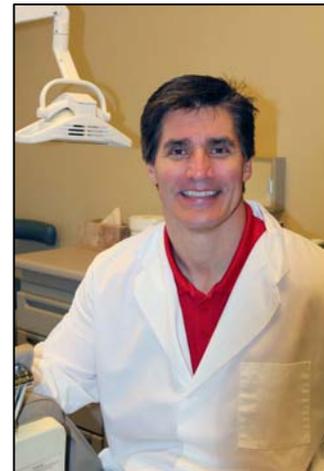
"Mike knows the region and its challenges," Barnes said. "Having someone with his experience and insight will only make our General Membership more engaging and productive. We are thrilled to have him join us in working to fulfill our mission of bringing a better quality of life to Southeast Kentuckians by creating jobs and helping small businesses grow here."

Trospser is a Laurel County transplant. His family moved to the region from Galion, Ohio in 1976. But it would be a challenge to find someone more dedicated to seeing the community grow and become an ever better place to work and live.

Throughout the history of his 24-year-old dental practice, Trospser has met folks who have come to the Laurel County region due to new employment opportunities or other growth in the community. He's seen first-hand the way new businesses, both big and small, affect a community and its families.

He has served on the London-Laurel County IDA for the past three years and through that service has played a role in working to develop new economic opportunities in the region.

His role on the SKED General Membership is to represent Laurel County and the surrounding region by working with local, regional and state-wide non-profit economic



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development professionals to create a compelling incentive package to bring new industry and jobs to the region.

“I have always tried to promote London and Laurel County and the great place it is to work and live,” Trospen said. “So becoming an IDA Board Member was a natural fit, and I enjoy it immensely. SKED is a continuation of the IDA work and what it can do to help Southeast Kentucky grow and improve.”

In addition to his service on the IDA Board, the father of four has worked with the American Red Cross for seven years and coached several youth sports teams locally.

Trospen graduated from Laurel County High School in 1981, earned a B.S. in biology from Morehead State University and graduated from the Louisville Dental School in 1989.

He joins 24 other community leaders from across Southeast Kentucky on SKED’s General Membership. They include SKED’s Board of Directors: Tim Barnes, Shirley Gifford, Darryl McGaha, Ben Sams, Corey Craig, Virginia Flanagan, Michael Hayes, Dr. Jo Marshall, David Blakeman, Charlene Harris, Daryl Smith and Rodney Hitch; other advisory board representatives: David Ledford, Josh Branscum, Allen Anderson, Jerry Claunch, Billy Hough, Rodney Weaver, Holly Hopkins Donna Diaz, Denise Thomas, Brett Traver, Ron McMahan and Bruce Carpenter.

SKED is a non-profit economic development organization and has been designated a Certified Development Corporation (CDC) by the U.S. Small Business Administration. The organization was formed 28 years ago by Fifth District Congressman Hal Rogers to create jobs in Southeast Kentucky. Its corporate office is based in Somerset and serves a 45-county region in Southeast Kentucky. Staff works with business owners, small and large, to identify financing solutions to fund their location, expansion and working capital needs, technical assistance and training.

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