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## O'Neill announces new program director for the Regional Indicator program

June 29, 2010 (Pittsburgh, Pa.) -- Paul H. O'Neill, Chairman of the Regional Indicator program Advisory Committee which hosts the PittsburghTODAY initiative, announces the appointment of longtime Pittsburgh journalist Douglas Heuck as new program director. Heuck succeeds project founder John G. Craig Jr. who passed away last month.

"Doug Heuck has an outstanding track record of journalistic innovation, and that's what we need to carry on the work John started," said O'Neill, former U.S. Treasury Secretary and former CEO of Alcoa. "Doug has an extraordinary understanding of both the region and the program and how to build it in the future."

Heuck will continue as Publisher of Pittsburgh Quarterly magazine, which he founded in 2005. Previously, he spent 20 years at the Pittsburgh Press and Post-Gazette, as an investigative reporter and business editor. Heuck penned 13 newspaper series, ranging from living on the streets disguised as a homeless man to the last in-depth interview of polio pioneer Dr. Jonas Salk.

In 1996, along with the late Post-Gazette Editor John G. Craig Jr., Heuck created PG Benchmarks, a newspaper project which compared Pittsburgh with 14 other metro areas in 75 measures. The project was the predecessor of today's Regional Indicator program, which publishes [www.pittsburghtoday.org](http://www.pittsburghtoday.org).

"Because of John's work, Pittsburgh is a national leader in regional information, and it's an honor to continue the work of my close friend," Heuck said. "In order to understand where to go in the future, Pittsburgh needs to understand where it is. We will continue to provide that information and, I expect, much more."

PittsburghTODAY provides reliable information for citizens and leaders of Greater Pittsburgh that allows them to make good decisions and chart regional progress over time. Please go to [www.pittsburghtoday.org](http://www.pittsburghtoday.org) to learn more.

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