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Aging Expert Serves on Charleston Roundtable

CHARLOTTE (NC) (Dec. 18, 2007) – Dan Owens, Director of the National Active Retirement Association (NARA), represented the Carolinas retirement industry on a “Livable Communities” roundtable recently at the College of Charleston. The roundtable was sponsored by Governing magazine, Congressional Quarterly magazine and AARP.

Headlined by Charleston Mayor Joe Riley, the 15-member panel debated and discussed how an aging society and retiree transplants are affecting Carolina communities.

College of Charleston President P. George Benson also gave his thoughts on the steps Charleston has made toward being a livable community.

“I was pleased to participate in this landmark roundtable to assist Governing magazine, Congressional Quarterly magazine and AARP all better understand the grassroots issues related to 50+ citizens in our communities,” Owens said. “I am pleased that these organizations will take their findings and present them to government officials in Washington.”

The roundtable, moderated by Governing Magazine Editor Peter Harkness, examined issues such as relocating retiree’s impact on towns and communities, housing, transportation, access to services and development policies.

In addition to directing and overseeing NARA, Owens also publishes the nationally award-winning magazine, Retirement Lifestyles, and operates MoveToMyTown.com and RetireSouth.com websites.



Dan Owens (left), Director of NARA, participated in a roundtable organized by Governing and Congressional Quarterly magazines and sponsored by AARP. Also participating were S.C. State Representative-Elect Shannon Erickson, Governing Magazine Editor Peter Harkness and AARP’s Group Executive Officer for Social Impact Nancy Leamond.