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MIAMI LIGHTHOUSE ANNUAL MEETING HELD AT KEY BISCAZYNE RESIDENCE
OF BOARD CHAIRMAN-ELECT MICHAEL SILVA, ESQ.

Feb. 1, 2010--The Board of Directors of Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Inc. held its annual meeting at the Key Biscayne residence of **Michael Silva**, Esq., on January 27th.

Mr. Silva has served in several Board governance roles for Miami Lighthouse, previously as Board Performance Oversight and Monitoring Committee Chairman and as Treasurer.

The fifty attendees at the annual meeting included Board Directors, Honorary Directors, members of the Heiken Children's Vision Program Advisory Committee, the senior leadership team of Miami Lighthouse, and Miami Lighthouse friends including the legendary **Henry Stone**, a former client and producer of 23 Gold and Platinum albums.

President & CEO Jacko presented each attendee with a copy of her new book, *The Blind Visionary*, published recently by Governance Edge.

Board Chairman **Owen Freed**, Esq. welcomed the new Board Officers:

Michael Silva, Esq., Chair-Elect

John Henderson, Esq., Secretary

John Harriman, Treasurer

William Roy, Ph.D., Past Chairman

Key Biscayne resident, Peter Harrison, re-joined the Board of Directors following both his father and grandfather's legacy as past Directors of Miami Lighthouse.

Miami Lighthouse has doubled its operating budget since 2005 as it expands programs that serve the growing number of people with serious vision loss, as well as promoting eye wellness in our community. Miami Lighthouse provides vocational rehabilitation and independent living skills for the blind and visually impaired, educational experiences for blind babies and children, Braille instruction, a range of services for people with low vision, and an acclaimed inclusion music program for teens, as well as helping thousands of schoolchildren who receive free eye care through the Miami Lighthouse Heiken Children's Vision Program.

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MIAMI LIGHTHOUSE MISSION STATEMENT:

**To provide vision rehabilitation
and eye health services
that promote independence,
to educate professionals, and
to conduct research in related fields.**