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Neil Brown Named Editor of Times

TAMPA BAY, Fla. – Neil Brown was named editor of the *St. Petersburg Times* today.

CEO and Chairman Paul C. Tash announced during a staff meeting that he is handing over the title to “the person who has earned it – Neil Brown.”

Tash had carried the title of editor for the past decade, but he has recently turned more of his attention to the business operations and his responsibilities toward the Poynter Institute and various industry groups.

“We are fortunate to have such an able journalist and leader directing our news report,” Tash said in a note to staff. “I salute the new editor of Florida’s Best Newspaper, who has already proven himself in the job.”

Brown, a graduate of the University of Iowa and member of the university’s journalism hall of fame, joined the *Times* in October 1993 as world editor overseeing national and international affairs. In 1995, he became managing editor. He was named to the board of Times Publishing Co. in 1997 and became a vice president in 2001. In August 2004 he was named executive editor and vice president.

He is a member of the American Society of Newspaper Editors’ Board of Directors. He is a past president and board member of the Florida Society of Newspaper Editors. Brown has served as a Pulitzer Prize journalism juror. He has been a visiting faculty member of the Poynter Institute, a school for journalists. He is past chairman and current member of the University of Iowa School of Journalism Advisory Board.

About the Times

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