**Draper Names New President**

**(Spiceland, Ind.) –** Draper, Inc., has announced a new company president.

Chris Broome becomes only the fifth president in the company’s 118-year history after John Pidgeon stepped down following 15 years in the role. Broome continues the Draper tradition of family ownership and management. He is the cousin of John Pidgeon and son of vice president of manufacturing Mike Broome, and the great-great-grandson of company founder Luther Draper.

“It has been an honor to serve as Draper's president for the last 15 years, but the time has come to pass the torch,” Pidgeon said in a statement to employees.

Chris Broome has been with Draper since 1992 serving in several capacities, most recently as architectural market manager.

“Chris has been preparing for this job for many years, and he will do it well,” Pidgeon said. “Draper's culture is strong and will endure and I am confident that our best years are yet to come.”

“I am honored to carry on the family tradition at Draper,” said Broome. “I realize that I have big shoes to fill, but like John, I am very confident about Draper’s future.”

The move also led to several other management changes. Lee Denhart replaces Chris Broome as architectural market manager. Lee came to the Draper sales team in 1989. Jentry Wittkamper assumes Lee's former position as director of sales. Jentry joined Draper in 1997 and most recently served as export sales manager and lifts and mounts product manager.

Pidgeon will continue as chairman of the board of directors, and Mike Broome remains in his role as vice president of manufacturing.

Photo: Pictured *(From left to right)* Jentry Wittkamper, Lee Denhart, Chris Broome, John Pidgeon, Mike Broome, and Bob Mathes.

**About Draper**Based in Spiceland, IN, Draper manufactures projection screens, AV mounts and structures, window shades, and gymnasium equipment. The family-owned and -operated business was founded in 1902 by Luther O. Draper and is owned and managed by his descendants. With locations in the United States, Sweden and United Kingdom, Draper ships products to dealers throughout the United States and more than 100 countries. To learn more about Draper, visit [www.draperinc.com](http://www.draperinc.com).

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