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Louisiana Art & Science Museum Holds Annual Meeting of its Membership, Elects New Trustees

BATON ROUGE, LA - The Board of Trustees of the Louisiana Art & Science Museum held its bimonthly meeting and **Annual Meeting of the Membership** on February 25, 2019, where the 2019 officers were elected. At the Annual Meeting of the Membership, retiring Board members were honored, new Board members were elected, and Art & Science Museum staff members presented the 2018 Annual Report.

Officers Elected to the 2019 Board of Trustees were: Patrick Valluzzo, Chair; Kathy Victorian, Chair-elect; Alexandra Layfield, Secretary; Tommy LeJeune, Treasurer; Derek Fife, Member-at-large; Susan L. Turner, Member-at-large; and Scott Kirkpatrick, Immediate Past Chair.

Those Retiring from the Board are: Leah Gaiennie, John Davis, Susanne Hall, Jason MacMorran, and Pam Mascari. The Museum wishes all of these retirees well and thanks them for their service to the Art & Science Museum and the Baton Rouge community. **New Appointees to the Board include** Paula Davis, LA State Representative District 69 & Waters & Pettit Commercial Real Estate, and Lauren Whatley of Baton Rouge Coca-Cola Bottling Co.

Renominations to Serve a Three-Year Term were: Brad Allen, ExxonMobil BR Polyolefins Plant; Prescott Bailey, Southern Lifestyle Development; Terrence Ginn, LA Board of Regents; Heather Kleinpeter, Burns & Co.; Jody Montelaro, Entergy; and Micah Stewart, LaPorte CPAs and Business Advisors.

Serena Pandos, President & Executive Director of the Museum, presented the 2018 Annual Report along with staff members Don Hill, Director of Development & Communications; Elizabeth Weinstein, Assistant Director for Interpretation & Chief Curator; Sheree Westerhaus, Assistant Director for Operations & Planetarium Manager; and Nita Mitchell, Museum Interpreter for Science & YouthALIVE! Coordinator. Following the presentation of the 2018 Annual Report, the membership adjourned for a reception in the Museum's atrium.

"It is a privilege and honor to serve the LASM," said Pandos. "Our Trustees, along with our Advisory Council members, make many wonderful programs possible here and I look forward to what we will do together in 2019 toward fulfilling our mission for our community."

"LASM has a long history in the Baton Rouge community and I am honored to serve on the Board of Trustees," said Patrick Valluzzo, incoming Board Chair. "The Museum and city are very fortunate to have

Serena leading the institution; her passion and experience are a perfect fit for such a great community treasure. I look forward to working with her as the Museum begins an exciting new chapter.”

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Pictured are members of LASM’s Board of Trustees and Advisory Board:

Top row: Eric Dexter, Micah Stewart, Scott Kirkpatrick, Susan Turner, Garrett Hiebert, Jody Montelaro, and Elizabeth Canfield

Middle row: Patrick Valluzzo, Brad Allen, Jason MacMorran, Lauren Whatley, Pam Mascari, Paula Davis, and Misty Bonfanti

Bottom row: Kris Kirkpatrick, Tommy LeJeune, Scott Chenevert, Kevin Knobloch, Serena Pandos, Ty Bromell, Kathy Victorian, and Virginia Noland

About Louisiana Art & Science Museum

A nonprofit organization housed on the banks of the Mississippi River in downtown Baton Rouge, the Louisiana Art & Science Museum enhances the understanding and appreciation of art and science for general audiences and students by presenting unique, educational and entertaining experiences that encourage discovery, inspire creativity, and foster the pursuit of knowledge. More information about the Art & Science Museum is available at lasm.org.