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LASM Holds 2020 Meeting of the Membership, Elects New Board of Trustees

BATON ROUGE, LA—The Louisiana Art & Science Museum is pleased to announce the election of several new individuals to its Board of Trustees and Advisory Council at its Board and Annual Meeting of the Membership on **Monday, February 17**. Effective March 1, 2020, by the election of the members during its 2020 February Annual Meeting, the new trustees include Sarah Allen, Scott Gaudin, Tyler Gray, Dr. Louis Jeansonne IV, Heather LeBlanc, and Alex Tucker. Each of the new trustees has been elected to three-year terms, which will expire on March 1, 2023.

Sarah Allen serves as Regional Director of Government Affairs for Cox’s Southeast Region. Allen represents Cox on the Louisiana Cable and Telecommunications Association (LCTA), the Georgia Cable Association, the Louisiana Association of Business and Industries Emerging Leaders Council, the Emerge Foundation Board, the Louisiana Cybersecurity Commission, and the Association of Legislative Lobbyists.

Scott Gaudin is the Baton Rouge Market President for The First, ANBA (formerly Iberville Bank). Gaudin has served in various nonprofit board roles in organizations such as the Baton Rouge Symphony Orchestra, Forum 35, and the LSU National “L” Club. Additionally, he has served as Chairman of the Board of the West Baton Rouge Chamber of Commerce (2015) and the BREC Foundation (2019).

Tyler Gray currently serves as president and general counsel to Louisiana Mid-Continent’s Oil and Gas Association, supporting members on all oil and gas issues in Louisiana through LMOGA’s issue committees. Previously, Tyler served as an attorney in the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, providing legal advice on all regulations enforced by Conservation.

Dr. Louis Jeansonne IV serves as Chief Medical Information Officer for Ochsner Health. He joined Ochsner as a general surgeon in 2008, and has previously served as Chief of Staff and Assistant Vice President for Medical Affairs. He serves on the board of Ochsner Medical Center Baton Rouge and Ochsner Physician Partners. He is also a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives and the American Medical Informatics Association.

Heather LeBlanc has more than 16 years of experience in accounting and financial management and is currently a Director at VGraham, LLC. Prior to joining VGraham, Heather spent eight years with KPMG in both the Houston and Baton Rouge offices. She then served as Director of Internal Reporting for Lamar Advertising. LeBlanc is also a Certified Public Accountant.

Alex Tucker is a Partner at Faulk & Winkler, where he has helped prepare and review tax returns for individual, corporate, partnership, and fiduciary clients, implement tax planning strategies, craft tax training presentations, and develop a team of staff accountants on short and long-term projects. Also a Certified Public Accountant, Tucker has a variety of tax experience in both the public and private sectors.

Renominated to serve a second three-year term are Ty Bromell, Scott McKnight, and Tommy Teepell. The LASM Board of Trustees 2020 officers were also confirmed, and included Kathy Fletcher Victorian as Chair, succeeding Patrick Valluzzo, Immediate Past Chair; Elizabeth Canfield as Chair-Elect; Alexandra Layfield as Secretary; and Alex Tucker as Treasurer. Also appointed to serve on the executive committee are Jody Montelaro and Shawn Usher as Members-at-Large.

Patrick Valluzzo, whose one-year term as Board Chair ended in February, is the CEO of City Group Hospitality, which includes City Pork, City Slice, and Rouj Creole. During his term, Valluzzo was a tireless advocate for the Museum, even providing the majority of catering and wait staff for LASM's 34th Annual Gala: CHROMA.

The Museum's new Advisory Council Members include Thomas Adamek, Past Board Chair, and Derek Fife. Scott Kirkpatrick, Past Board Chair, and Suzanne Turner, Member-at-Large, will also be joining the Advisory Council as of March 1, 2020, after having completed (2) 3-year terms, plus one year, and (2) 3-years terms, respectively. Turner will also serve as the new Programs & Collections Chair, succeeding Virginia Noland.

The 2020-21 slate of members is as follows:

Board of Trustees

Kathy Fletcher Victorian, Chair
Elizabeth Canfield, Chair-Elect
Alexandra Layfield, Secretary
Alex Tucker, Treasurer
Jody Montelaro, Member-at-Large
Shawn Usher, Member-at-Large
Patrick Valluzzo, Immediate Past Chair
Brad Allen
Sarah Allen
Mike Anderson
Prescott Bailey
Ty Bromell
Paula Davis
Eric Dexter
Scott Gaudin
Terrence Ginn
Tyler Gray
Garrett Hiebert
Louis Jeansonne IV, MD
Heather Kleinpeter
Heather LeBlanc
Tommy LeJeune
Scott McKnight
Micah Stewart

Tommy Teepell
Lauren Whatley

Advisory Council

Thomas Adamek
Scott Chenevert
Bill D'Armond
Gresdna Doty
David Faulk
Derek Fife
Kris Kirkpatrick
Scott Kirkpatrick
Jason MacMorran
Virginia Noland
Gary Phillips
Cary Saurage
Suzanne Turner

Trustee Emerita

Sue Turner

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Image: LASM's Board of Trustees and Advisory council gathered for their 2020 Annual Meeting of the Membership. From left to right, (top row) David Faulk, Prescott Bailey, Jason MacMorran, Kris Kirkpatrick, Ty Bromell, Tommy LeJeune, Scott Kirkpatrick, Dr. Louis Jeanson IV, Alex Tucker, Scott Gaudin, Eric Dexter, Terrence Ginn, (bottom row) Patrick Valluzzo, Tommy Teepell, Heather LeBlanc, Susan Turner, Serena Pandos, Kathy Victorian, Lauren Whatley, Paula Davis, Misty Bonfanti, and Cary Saurage.

About the Louisiana Art & Science Museum

Housed on the banks of the Mississippi River in a historic railway station on the banks of the Mississippi River in downtown Baton Rouge, the Louisiana Art & Science Museum believes that art and science shape each other, our lives, and the world, and presents experiences that encourage discovery, inspire creativity, and foster pursuit of knowledge. Founded in 1962 and accredited by the American Alliance of Museums since 1972, the Museum welcomes approximately 175,000 multigenerational visitors – including 105,000 school program participants – annually.

The Museum is home to the Irene W. Pennington Planetarium, the largest and most advanced planetarium in Louisiana and one of the largest in the southeastern United States; a permanent collection including over 4,000 objects; one of the only permanent ancient Egypt galleries in the southeastern United States; and displays changing art exhibitions of local and international acclaim. The Louisiana Art & Science Museum is free to the public every First Sunday of the month and is free to active duty military, first responders, and their families through the Blue Star Museums program year-round. A 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, the Museum relies on the support of donations to operate; support the Museum at lasm.org/give.

Visit lasm.org for information about current exhibitions, Irene W. Pennington Planetarium showtimes, reservations, birthday parties, event rentals, upcoming programs, and more. Call 225.344.5272 for more information.

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