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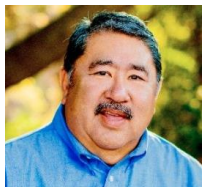
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Foundation for the Performing Arts Center announces five new board members following the success of the Encore Campaign

SAN LUIS OBISPO, July 13, 2017 – The Foundation for the Performing Arts Center welcomes five new members to its board. New members Morgen Houlis, Bob Kitamura, Geri LaChance, Cathy Lockett and Erin Steed formally began their terms on July 1 with the start of the 2018 Fiscal Year.



Morgen Houlis of Glenn Burdette has worked on the board's finance and investment committee for several years and will take over as Treasurer.



Bob Kitamura brings with him a unique knowledge of the PAC's location as the former University Architect and Executive Director of Facilities Planning and Capital Projects at Cal Poly from 1993 to 2011.



Geri LaChance is the President and CEO of SESLOC and is immediate past chair of the YMCA and a member of the Chamber and Leadership SLO boards. Arriving in SLO just 5 years ago Geri has been a generous champion of the PAC.



Cathy Lockett is a retired speech language pathologist who has served on the boards of the San Luis Obispo Symphony and the PCPA Foundation in Santa Maria.



Erin Steed is the Chief Strategy Officer at Meathead Movers and serves on the board of French Hospital. Erin will serve as a co-chair for the Foundation's biennial fundraiser this September.

Board of Directors

Trudie Safreno
President
Joey Leslie
Vice President
Maryellen Simkins
Secretary
Morgen Houlis
Treasurer
John Rolph
At-Large
Jill Anderson
Sharon Armstrong
Anthony Brizzolara
Kathleen Choal
Kristin Flynn
Bob Kitamura
Geri LaChance
Catherine Lockett
Erin Steed
Skylar Stuck

Honorary Board

Libbie Agran
Jim Eckford
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Brendan McAdams, Jr., M.D.
Clifton Swanson
Matt Trevisan

Executive Director

Leann Standish

Additionally, Trudie Safreno will take over as President following John Rolph's successful 2 years as president. Joey Leslie of Matchfire will serve as the newly elected Vice President.

“It has been an honor to serve as President during such an exciting time for the Foundation, including the successful conclusion of the Encore Campaign and the recruitment of Executive Director Leann Standish,” said Rolph. “I know that Trudie will be an amazing President and that the Foundation’s work is ever more important in securing the vibrant performing arts in our community.”

“I am so grateful to John and his outstanding leadership,” said Standish. “He has been an important mentor helping me get my feet on the ground here on the Central Coast.”

Next up for the Foundation’s Board is the completion of a new strategic plan supported by the team at Collaboration Consulting.

About the Foundation for the Performing Arts Center

Established in 1986, the Foundation provides and promotes an extraordinary and accessible center for the performing arts that elevates the arts in our community, in collaboration with our partners, California Polytechnic State University and the City of San Luis Obispo. For more information on the Foundation, its mission, values and programs, please visit: <http://fpacslo.org>

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