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## The Minneapolis Foundation Names Six New Trustees

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (May 22, 2017) — The Minneapolis Foundation is pleased to announce the appointment of six new members to its Board of Trustees. **Scott Erickson, Judy Halper, Bishop Richard D. Howell, Jr., Ginny Morris, Liz Pangerl, and Bo Thao-Urabe** joined the Board at its annual meeting last week.

“The professional expertise and contributions of our six newest Trustees have already made them leaders in our community, and I look forward to working with them on our Board,” said R.T. Rybak, President and CEO of The Minneapolis Foundation.

In addition to welcoming the new board members, the Foundation welcomed Phil Smith, a Foundation Trustee since 2013 and Managing Director, Healthcare Mergers and Acquisitions at Duff and Phelps, LLC, to his new role as Chair of the Foundation’s Board of Trustees. Smith succeeds Norman Rickeman, who has completed his term as Board Chair. “It’s been an honor to contribute to the work The Minneapolis Foundation is doing in our community,” Rickeman said. “Now more than ever, the Foundation is in a position to attract a broad base of perspectives and resources to ensure the long-term health of this great community.”

The Board of Trustees is composed of three dozen residents of the Minneapolis-St. Paul metro area who are leaders in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors. All six of the new Trustees have been appointed to four-year terms.

The new Trustees are as follows:

**Scott Erickson** has spent the entirety of his 22-year career in Deloitte’s Minneapolis office and currently serves as the managing partner of the firm’s audit practice in the Upper Midwest. During this time, he has built a reputation for outstanding client service built on a problem-solving approach and delivery of candid business insight. His experience has spanned numerous industries and geographies, serving many of Deloitte’s most significant clients. Throughout Erickson’s career, he has developed a strong focus on community involvement on a number of fronts. He is currently serving his third term as a member of the Board of Directors for the

Children's Cancer Research Fund. Prior to joining their Board, he was a member of CCRF's Development Committee for six years. He has also been an active volunteer and supporter of organizations such as the United Way, Habitat for Humanity, Feed My Starving Children, and various Minneapolis and St. Paul elementary schools.

**Judy Halper** is the CEO of Jewish Family and Children's Service of Minneapolis, an agency that is 107 years old with an annual budget of \$8.5 million dollars serving thousands of people annually of all ages and backgrounds. Prior to becoming the CEO in 2005, Halper held the positions of Chief Program Officer and Development Director for JFCS. Halper has served JFCS Minneapolis for over 23 years. Prior to her work at JFCS, Halper served as the Interim Executive Director of the Minneapolis Rape and Sexual Assault Center. She is a Licensed Psychologist and a Certified School Psychologist and has worked in the nonprofit arena and public school systems for over 25 years. Halper attended the University of Minnesota, where she received a double major in Psychology and Women's Studies. Her Master's Degree in Clinical Psychology is from Antioch University West in San Francisco. Halper is a lifelong resident of Minneapolis, where she and her husband raised their two grown daughters.

**Bishop Richard D. Howell, Jr.** has been the Pastor of Shiloh Temple International Ministries since 1984, the same church his grandparents Reverend Howard and Sister Mattie Smith founded in Minneapolis in 1931. From his youth, he has served in just about every capacity in ministry on the local level. Bishop Howell has worked in management for the government as well as a counselor for Job Corporation of America in St. Paul, Minnesota. Bishop Howell is the Diocesan of the Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota and South Dakota District Council.

**Ginny Morris**, a third generation broadcaster, is the Chair of Hubbard Radio, LLC. Hubbard Radio operates 41 radio stations in Chicago, Washington DC, Seattle, Phoenix, St. Louis, Cincinnati and Minnesota (Minneapolis-St. Paul and Northern Minnesota). A former Chair of the NAB Radio Board and current NAB Radio Board member, Morris currently serves as Chair of the RAB (Radio Advertisers Bureau) and serves on the board of BMI (Broadcast Music Inc.) and the Library of American Broadcasting. An active member of the Twin Cities community, her current and former civic board experience includes chairing the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce. Morris also serves on the boards of St. Thomas University and the University of Minnesota Foundation. In 2000, Morris was named CEO of Hubbard Radio, delegating much of the day-to-day operations to others in the growing organization. She has two adult children and resides in St. Paul, Minnesota.

**Liz Pangerl** serves as the Director of Marketing and Communications for Hiawatha Academies, a high-performing, award-winning network of charter schools in south Minneapolis. She is founder and owner of Casa Valencia LLC, a company that specializes in strategic brand development and experiential design. Utilizing her diverse cultural community relations and design experience, Pangerl has created multi-dimensional interactive solutions empowering numerous audiences, consumers and communities. She enthusiastically embraces projects that build human and social capital. Pangerl has led multi-faceted brand and communications efforts for the Boyce Thompson Institute for Plant Research at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY; Knox

College in Galesburg, IL; Loyola University in New Orleans, LA; the University of Minnesota Community-University Health Care Center; the Virginia Piper Cancer Institute; Planned Parenthood; General Mills; Target; Nickelodeon; Mattel Toys; Bank of America; Chase Bank; and over twenty nonprofit organizations and foundations in Minneapolis and St. Paul. She has received numerous community and design awards; two of her design works are in the permanent collection of The Library of Congress. A resident of Minneapolis for over twenty years, Pangerl grew up in southern California and describes herself as a Latina who is as “American as mango pie.” She lives with her husband, Michael, an artist, and Figaro, their ginger colored tabby.

**Bo Thao-Urabe** is Co-founder and Network Director of the Coalition of Asian American Leaders (CAAL). A social entrepreneur, Thao-Urabe has extensive experience leading local, national and global efforts to create community-centered, asset-based solutions that advance social justice. In addition to her work at CAAL, Thao-Urabe has served as Commissioner to President Obama’s Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. She co-founded the Building More Philanthropy with Purpose Giving Circle, the Asian Pacific Institute on Gender-Based Violence, Hmong Women Achieving Together, Building Our Future: A Global Community Campaign, and RedGreen Rivers LLC. Thao-Urabe has received a number of awards recognizing her community contributions and leadership.

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