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## **New Chairman to Lead Arts Council**

### **The Arts Council of Fairfax County elects new leadership and adds nine new board members to its board of directors.**

*Fairfax County, VA* – The Arts Council of Fairfax County announces that R. Dennis McArver is the new Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Mr. McArver succeeds Gerald L. Gordon, Ph.D, president and CEO of the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority. Dr. Gordon had filled the chairman seat since 2011.



Dennis McArver is a long-time partner with McGuire Woods LLP in Tysons, Virginia. Mr. McArver, a specialist in real estate law, has forged a reputation for handling multi party, complex transactions.

McArver has served in a number of management positions, ranging from department chairman to managing partner of the firm. He has been a continuing legal education lecturer in Virginia and across the country on a variety of law firm management issues.

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*R. Dennis McArver is the new Chairman of the Board for the Arts Council of Fairfax County.*

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McArver's prior arts organization experience includes chairing boards at Wolf Trap and the Fairfax Symphony, as well as serving on boards of the Baltimore Symphony and the Arts at Mason Partnership.

"As the new board chairman, I look forward to lending my experience in helping the Arts Council grow in its role as the voice of the arts in Fairfax County," McArver said. "I hope to assist the Council in tackling

new and exciting challenges such as cultural arts planning, continued grants opportunities and capacity building services for the diverse communities in Fairfax County."

Linda S. Sullivan, president and CEO of the Arts Council of Fairfax County expressed the Arts Council's excitement for Mr. McArver's new position.

"We are thrilled to have Mr. McArver filling our Board Chairman position," Sullivan said. "He brings a wealth of knowledge regarding business, law, and finance to the organization. Under McArver's leadership we hope to continue growing a strong board relevant to our services and mission."

Joining Mr. McArver the board selected Joe Ritchey, principal of Prospective Inc., to serve as Vice Chairman, Suzanne Keating, executive coach for Keating Coaching & Consulting, to serve

as Secretary and Andy Bursten, director of finance and administration and CFO of the College of Visual and Performing Arts at George Mason University, to serve as Treasurer.

In addition to a new chairman, nine new members have been elected to the Council. The Arts Council Board of Directors is comprised of 28 members and reflects the diversity and strength of Fairfax County.

- Beth Cabrera, Ph.D., George Mason University. Dr. Cabrera works with companies to help create and maintain positive work environments where people thrive. Her research has been published in over 25 articles in some of the world's leading academic and professional journals.
- Douglas N. Carter, founding principal of Davis, Carter, Scott Design. Mr. Carter has many years of experience in all aspects of architectural planning and design. Mr. Carter is a member of the Fairfax County Public School Education Foundation and Washington Airports Task Force.
- Constance (Connie) S. Epperlein, corporate designer and programmer for COPT Development and Construction Services. Ms. Epperlein recently celebrated her 26<sup>th</sup> year with the company. Ms. Epperlein has previously served on the Board of Directors for the Howard County Arts Council and as a member in the Maryland Chapter of the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties.
- Tanya Hudson, division head for consumer services for Washington Gas. Ms. Hudson is a 2010 graduate and 2012 alumni chair of LEAD Virginia, a charitable and education leadership program.
- Gerald L. Kohlenberger, president and managing director of Ilium Ventures LLC. Mr. Kohlenberger currently serves on many civic and advisory boards. Mr. Kohlenberger is the former vice president of ExxonMobil Corporation. He is a past member of the National Symphony Orchestra, and has been a past chair of both the Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts and the Inova Health System Foundation Board.
- Elizabeth J. Moffett, partner with Burdette Smith & Bish LLC. Ms. Moffett began her career in Arts Management before transitioning to public accounting in 1998. Ms. Moffett served as the President of the Northern Chapter of the Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants for 2012-2013 and continues as a board member.
- Allen Roberts, vice president of operations for Cox Virginia. Mr. Roberts has over 25 years of experience in telecommunications and technology leadership. Mr. Roberts previously served on the Executive Committee for the Arts and Humanities Council in Tulsa, Okla. He is a member of the Board of Directors for the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce.
- Kathy Dwyer Southern, founding president of National Children's Museum. Ms. Southern brings over 35 years of experience in leadership in major museums, cultural and philanthropic organizations, associations and government in the Washington DC area.

- Curtis Sano, partner at Holland & Knight. Mr. Sano has over 15 years' experience in the area of real estate law. He is a founding board member for both The Art Connection in the Capital Region and Tysons Corner Real Estate Networking Forum.

The Arts Council would like to thank the following board members for their services to the community as they completed their term of service in 2013:

- Barbara Kres Beach, BKB Coaching & Consulting
- Brian Taylor Goldstein, Esq., Goldstein & Williams PLC
- Vivian Watts, Delegate 39th District, Virginia House of Delegates

To see a full list of Arts Council Board Members visit [The Arts Council of Fairfax County](#) online.

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About the Arts Council of Fairfax County

Founded in 1964, the Arts Council of Fairfax County, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization designated as Fairfax County's local arts agency. It is the only umbrella organization serving and representing all forms of art in Fairfax County. The Arts Council of Fairfax County is the voice of the arts, dedicated to fostering dynamic and diverse local arts, ensuring that arts thrive by providing vision, leadership, capacity building services, advocacy, funding, education, and information.

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