

Sister Cities International welcomes new Board of Directors members

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Following a membership-wide election, 11 delegates were chosen to the 24-member Sister Cities International Board of Directors. The appointments were formalized during Sister Cities International’s 2013 Annual Business Meeting which occurred in conjunction with 57th Annual Conference in San Antonio, TX, July 12-13.

Newly elected Board of Directors members who will serve three-year terms include Bill Behrens of Washington, D.C.; Jane Gehlhausen of Indianapolis, IN; Robert A. Greninger of Prescott Valley, AZ; and Lawrence Uebner of Omaha, NE. The following Directors were re-elected for their second consecutive three-year terms: Dr. Carolyn Bishop of Atlanta, GA; Carol Burdette of Anderson, SC; and Norris Hermsmeyer of Boulder, CO.

Councilman Ash Kalra of San Jose, CA and Dr. Joshua Walker of Alexandria, VA were elected to two-year terms. Dr. Walker will also serve as the Young Professional Representative to the Board of Directors. Holly Lazzarini of Belvidere, IL was elected to a one-year term.

Dr. Jane Cahaly of Pendleton, SC was appointed as the State Coordinator Representative to the Board of Directors, Carolina Rendeiro of Miami, FL was appointed to fill a one-year vacancy, and Johnson Tilghman of Rio Dell, CA was appointed as the Youth Representative. They will all serve one-year terms. Dr. Carolyn Bishop and current Board of Directors member Neal Burnham and Stephen “Tim” Quigley were elected to the Executive Committee.

Sister Cities International congratulates the new and returning board members and looks forward to their leadership and vision in the upcoming year.

About Sister Cities International

Founded by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956, Sister Cities International serves as the national membership organization for over 500 individual sister cities, counties, and states across the United States with relationships in nearly 2,000 communities in 140 countries on six continents. This sister city network unites tens of thousands of citizen diplomats and volunteers who work tirelessly to promote the organizations’ mission of creating world peace and understanding through economic and sustainable development programs, youth and education projects, arts and culture, and humanitarian assistance.

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