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Virginia Historical Society Announces New Board Members
Trustees’ Experience Valued as Organization Implements New Strategic Plan

Richmond, VA—On January 19, 2011, at the first Virginia Historical Society (VHS) board meeting of the year, President and CEO Paul Levengood welcomed three new trustees who will serve from 2011 through 2016: Thomas Allen, Gary Gore, and Carole Weinstein.

Levengood also welcomed three new honorary vice chairmen who will serve an unlimited term: Grady W. Powell of Petersburg, J. Stewart Bryan III of Richmond, and H. Furlong Baldwin of Baltimore, Maryland. The VHS board is made up of twenty-four trustees and six honorary vice chairman.

W. Taylor Reveley, III, president of the College of William and Mary, will continue to serve as chairman of the VHS board in 2011, and Thomas G. Slater, Jr., Partner and Group Head Litigation, Intellectual Property, and Labor Group at Hunton and Williams LLP, continues in his post as vice chairman.

“With an exciting strategic plan approved and in place, this board is ready and willing to implement our goals of telling the story of Virginia in its entirety, promoting civil discourse about the tough stuff of American history, connecting people to our shared past, and making the VHS the best possible educational resource for Virginia history,” said Levengood. “These three new trustees bring with them a wealth of knowledge and experience that will be beneficial in successfully guiding the VHS with these plans.”

Thomas N. Allen, a Richmond resident and graduate of Hampden-Sydney College and the University of Virginia, has served as chairman of the Clovelly Corporation since 2001. Allen formerly served as director and board president of Boys and Girls Clubs of Metro Richmond, chairman of Greater Richmond Chamber of Commerce, chairman of Leadership Metro Richmond, and director of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts Foundation. Allen will serve on the finance and buildings and grounds committees of the VHS board.

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Gary M. Gore of Richmond earned his undergraduate degree in finance from East Carolina University. He joined Bank of America as a credit analyst in 1990 and has since served in various leadership and executive roles within the organization. Gore is presently the managing director for the Mid-Atlantic Region of U.S. Trust as well as the market president for the Richmond area. He currently serves as board member of the Virginia Chamber of Commerce, Virginia Business Council, Venture Richmond, the YMCA of Greater Richmond, and Homeward. He also serves as a trustee for the Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges, Richmond Ballet, and the Greater Richmond Chamber of Commerce and serves on the executive council of the School of Business at Virginia State University. For the VHS board, Gore will be on the advancement, programs, and audit committees.

Carole M. Weinstein resides in Richmond and is currently the vice-chairman of Weinstein Management Co., Inc., a position she has held since 1993. Weinstein graduated from the University of Richmond, where she earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees in English. She presently serves on the Library of Virginia board of trustees and the Davidson College board, and she is active in the Jewish Community Federation of Richmond. From 1988 until 1992, Weinstein served on the University of Richmond board of trustees, earning an Honorary Degree of Letters from the university in 2004. In 2006, she and her husband, Marcus, were given the Lifetime Achievement in Philanthropy award by the Central Virginia Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals. Weinstein will serve on the programs and nominating committees of the society’s board.

Allen, Gore, and Weinstein replace the following trustees whose terms ended in 2010: Mary Duke Trent Jones of Abingdon, John R. Nelson of Richmond, and Marcus M. Weinstein of Richmond.

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For more than 182 years, the Virginia Historical Society (VHS) has been connecting people to America’s past through the unparalleled story of Virginia. The VHS—a history museum and research library—features award-winning exhibitions that are entertaining and educational for visitors of all ages. The Society is the only museum with all of Virginia’s history under one roof—all centuries, all regions, and all topics are covered. Although designated the Official State Historical Society, the VHS is a privately funded non-profit organization that relies on contributions from individuals, corporations, and foundations to sustain its operations. The VHS is located at 428 North Boulevard in Richmond’s Museum District. Admission is free. Museum hours are Monday–Saturday 10 a.m.–5 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m.–5 p.m. Library hours are Monday–Saturday 10 a.m.–5 p.m. For more information, call (804) 358-4901, visit www.vahistorical.org, or find the VHS on Facebook and Twitter.