



# VIRGINIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## **Virginia Historical Society Announces Five New Board Members Organization Values Trustees' Experience, Knowledge, and Geographic Diversity**

Richmond, VA—The Virginia Historical Society (VHS) welcomes five new trustees who will serve through 2018: Charles L. Cabell; Cordel L. Faulk; William H. Fralin, Jr.; George C. Freeman III; and William C. Wooldridge. A private nonprofit organization, the VHS is a history museum and research library committed to connecting people to America's past through the unparalleled story of Virginia.

The VHS board is made up of twenty-one trustees, six honorary vice chairmen, and one regional vice chairman. Thomas G. Slater, Jr., Partner and Group Head Litigation, Intellectual Property, and Labor Group at Richmond's Hunton and Williams, will serve his second year as chairman of the board. E. Claiborne Robins, Jr., President & CEO of E. C. Robins International, Inc., continues in his post as vice chairman.

"The Virginia Historical Society takes its statewide mission seriously and strives to maintain a board reflecting the geographic diversity of the state," said J. Stewart Bryan III, VHS honorary vice chairman and chairman of the nominating committee. "These five new trustees bring with them a wealth of knowledge and experience that will be beneficial in successfully guiding the VHS."

Richmond resident Charles L. Cabell is a partner with Williams Mullen. He graduated from Hampden-Sydney College and earned his law degree from the Marshall-Wythe School of Law at the College of William and Mary. Cabell has served on the boards of Hampden-Sydney College, the Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges, and other nonprofits across the commonwealth. He has also served as a director of the C. F. Sauer Company and serves as president of the Robert G. Cabell III and Maude Morgan Cabell Foundation.

Cordel L. Faulk resides in Charlottesville and is Director of Admissions at the University of Virginia School of Law. He received a B.A. in political science from Virginia Tech and his J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law. After law school, Faulk clerked for Judge Henry C. Morgan, Jr., of the Eastern District of Virginia. He then became an associate at Baker Botts in Dallas, Tx., and later at Hunton & Williams in Washington, D.C. Before joining the Office of Admissions, he served as director of communications, media and research for the University of Virginia's Center for Politics. He has also worked as a columnist for the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*. He currently serves on the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors.

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William H. Fralin, Jr., is President and CEO of Medical Facilities of America in Roanoke. He graduated from the University of Virginia and the University of Richmond School of Law. He worked as an associate at Woods, Rogers & Hazelgrove and as a partner at Jolly, Place, Fralin & Prillaman. Fralin then joined the family firm led by his father, former VHS trustee Heywood Fralin. Between 2004 and 2010, Fralin represented the 17th District in the House of Delegates. He has served on the boards of the Art Museum of Western Virginia, Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership, and Virginia Museum of Natural History. He also currently serves as a gubernatorial appointee to the Virginia Health Reform Initiative Advisory Council.

Henrico County resident George C. Freeman III, is Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer of Universal Corporation in Richmond. He graduated from the University of Virginia and Yale University Law School. Freeman served as a law clerk for the Honorable Richard S. Arnold, Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, and for the Honorable Lewis F. Powell, Jr., Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court, who was retired but sat regularly on various United States Courts of Appeals around the country, and was also a former VHS honorary vice chairman. In 1991 Freeman joined Hunton & Williams. He went to work for Universal in 1997 and assumed his current role in 2008. He has served on the boards of the Children's Hospital of Richmond, Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges, the Virginia Mentoring Partnership, and Tredegar Corporation. His mother, Anne Hobson Freeman, is a former VHS trustee.

William C. "Bill" Wooldridge, who lives in Suffolk, is a retired vice president of Norfolk Southern Corporation. Wooldridge is a graduate of Harvard College and the University of Virginia School of Law. Wooldridge served as an officer in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps, including two years as an assistant to the General Counsel, Secretary of the Army. He joined Norfolk and Western (which became Norfolk Southern) in 1973 and became Vice President-Law in 1996. Wooldridge, an accomplished writer and historian, authored *Uncle Sam the Monopoly Man* (1970) and *Mapping Virginia: From the Age of Exploration to the Civil War* (2012). He has served as president of the John Marshall Foundation, president of the Norfolk Historical Society, and on the boards of public radio station WHRO and of the Library of Virginia Foundation.

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For more than 180 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](http://www.vahistorical.org), or find the VHS on Facebook and Twitter.

