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Oklahoma Hall of Fame, Gaylord-Pickens Museum elect new board members

OKLAHOMA CITY – The Oklahoma Hall of Fame and Gaylord-Pickens Museum elected Mark A. Stansberry of Edmond as its board chairman. Stansberry will serve as chairman through December 2017.

Stansberry serves as the founder and chairman of the Global Trade & Development (GDT) group where he assists American businesses expand into international markets. Stansberry is also an independent film producer. In 2001, he co-founded a film production company with Academy Award-winning producer Gray Frederickson (The Godfather II). In addition to his business efforts, Stansberry currently serves on the Board of Trustees for the Univ. of Central OK Foundation; Board of Trustees for Oklahoma Christian University and PostRock Energy Corp. Stansberry was inducted into the Western Oklahoma Hall of Fame in 2009, and honored by UCO for his service supporting higher education in Oklahoma with an annual endowed scholarship in his name.

Stansberry succeeds Joe Moran III of Tulsa, who is now chairman emeritus. Under Moran's leadership and direction, the organization and Museum delivered a balanced budget, successfully orchestrated a branding and name change, and in 2015 had the most successful Oklahoma Hall of Fame Banquet & Induction Ceremony in the organization's history. He is currently Principal Owner of CBL Resources, U.S. Pioneer and Lighthouse Properties. Most of his nonprofit experience came after 1999. His nonprofit and civic involvements include: Chairman Emeritus of the Oklahoma Hall of Fame, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Tulsa, Tulsa Library Trust Board, St. John Medical Center, Tulsa Boy's Home, Oklahoma Center for Nonprofits and Oklahoma Academy for State Goals and Leadership Oklahoma, Class of XXI and Board Member 2013-2014.

Gov. Bill Anoatubby of Ada will serve as chair elect of the board. Anoatubby began working for the Chickasaw Nation as director of tribal health services in 1975, becoming Lt. Gov. in 1979 and Governor in 1987. Anoatubby has been instrumental in the development of numerous businesses owned and operated by the Chickasaw Nation and under his leadership the tribe was the first to successfully compact for its own health system. When Governor Anoatubby took office in 1987, the Chickasaw Nation included 250 employees and an \$11 million operating budget. Twenty years later the tribe included nearly 4,500 employees and an annual budget approaching \$300 million. Anoatubby has been a member and leader of the inter-tribal council of the Five Civilized Tribes since 1978, remaining active in a wide range of organizations including the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission, Trail of Tears National Historic Trail Advisory Committee of the U.S. Department of Interior, Leadership OK and the OK Foundation for Excellence. He is also the longtime chairman of the Native American Cultural and Educational Authority.

Elected vice chairmen are: Phil B. Albert, Claremore; Bill W. Burgess, Jr., Lawton; Nevyle R. Cable, Okmulgee; Virginia G. Groendyke, Enid; Duke R. Ligon, Wewoka; and Xavier Neira, Norman. Corporate secretary is Amanda Clinton, Tulsa, and treasurer is Bruce T. Benbrook, Woodward. At large executive committee members are Clayton I. Bennett, Oklahoma City; Glen D. Johnson, Oklahoma City; and Vicki Miles-LaGrange, Oklahoma City.

Newly elected board members are: Bob Burke, Oklahoma City; Stan K. Clark, Stillwater; Mick Cornett, Oklahoma City; Teresa Rose Cook, Oklahoma City; Gentner F. Drummond, Tulsa; Greg Elliot, Chickasha; Steve Hendrickson, Oklahoma City; Ronnie Irani, Oklahoma City; Rebecca Keesling, Tulsa; Judy Love, Oklahoma City; John M. McArthur, Lawton; Frank W. Merrick, Oklahoma City; S. Bond Payne, Oklahoma City; and T. Hastings Siegfried, Tulsa.

Returning board members are: Alison Anthony, Sand Springs; Calvin J. Anthony, Stillwater; Steve Burrage, Antlers; Ann L. Caine, Oklahoma City; Chad Dillingham, Enid; Rebecca Dixon, Tulsa; Ken Fergeson, Altus; Malinda Berry Fischer, Stillwater; Jennifer M. Grigsby, Oklahoma City; Joe D. Hall, Elk City; Fred Harlan, Okmulgee; Pat Henry, Lawton; Robert Henry, Oklahoma City; Rhonda Hooper, Oklahoma City; Gary Huckabay, Yukon; Kirk Jewell, Stillwater; Roxana Lorton, Tulsa; John Massey, Durant; Tom McDaniel, Oklahoma City; Gregory E. Pyle, Durant; Lee Allan Smith, Oklahoma City; Michael E. Smith, Oklahoma City; C. Renzi Stone, Oklahoma City; G. Lee Stidham, Checotah; Clayton C. Taylor, Oklahoma City; Kathy Taylor, Tulsa; Steven W. Taylor, McAlester; Steve Turnbo, Tulsa; Michael C. Turpen, Oklahoma City; and Hardy Watkins, Oklahoma City.

The Oklahoma Hall of Fame is a statewide, 88-year-old, nonprofit organization with a mission of preserving Oklahoma history and promoting pride in the state. The organization was founded to create the Oklahoma Hall of Fame, induction into which is the highest honor an Oklahoman can receive from the state, and provide educational opportunities for students and teachers alike. The Oklahoma Hall of Fame has been publishing books on Oklahoma's people and heritage for more than 40 years, and offers more than \$4,000,000 in tuition waivers and cash scholarships to Oklahoma high school students. In 2007, the organization opened the interactive Gaylord-Pickens Museum, home of the Oklahoma Hall of Fame, to tell Oklahoma's story through its people.

For more information about the Oklahoma Hall of Fame and Gaylord-Pickens Museum, call 405.235.4458 or visit OklahomaHOF.com.

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