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Travel Industry Association of Kansas Announces New Appointments to Board of Directors

Topeka, Kan. – The Travel Industry Association of Kansas (TIAK) announces the appointment of new officers to its Board of Directors, as well as the full slate of board members for 2018.

The new **Executive Committee appointments are President Jan Stevens, Dodge City Convention & Visitors Bureau**; President-Elect Stacy Barnes, City of Greensburg; Vice President Kelly Peetoom, Olathe Convention & Visitors Bureau; Secretary Susan Rathke, Emporia Convention & Visitors Bureau; and Treasurer Jim Zaleski, Labette County Convention & Visitors Bureau.

TIAK would like to thank Past President Bridgette Job, Kansas City, Kan. Convention & Visitors Bureau, for her leadership and continued support of Kansas travel and tourism.

“We are pleased to welcome the 2018 slate of board members and officers to TIAK, and appreciate the efforts of the tourism professionals that have contributed so much to our industry in years’ past,” stated TIAK’s Executive Director, Marlee Carpenter. “We look forward to working with a diverse Board to advance the power of travel in Kansas.”

The slate of board members for 2018 is as follows:

- Brett Oetting, Visit Topeka, Inc.
- LeAnn Cox, Hutchinson Convention & Visitors Bureau
- Kevin Fern, Visit Shawnee
- Scott Allen, Kanza Rail-Trails Conservancy, Inc.
- Susie Santo, Visit Wichita
- Holly Lofton, Lindsborg Convention & Visitors Bureau
- Lea Ann Seiler, Hodgeman County Economic Development
- Diane Wolfe, Council Grove Chamber of Commerce & Tourism
- Roxanne Morgan, Finney County Convention & Visitors Bureau
- Tiffany Benien, Visit Salina
- Michele Stimatze, Geary County Convention & Visitors Bureau
- Julie Saddler, Colby Convention & Visitors Bureau
- Julie Roller, Abilene Convention & Visitors Bureau

Additional board members include Roger Hrabe, Rooks County Economic Development; and Stacy Davis, Sumner County Economic Development; as Presidential Appointments; as well as Karen Hibbard, Manhattan Convention & Visitors Bureau, representing the Kansas State Fair Board; and Suzan Barnes, Grand Central Hotel, representing the Governor’s Council on Tourism.

Ex-Officio members include Linda Craghead, Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks & Tourism; Mary Arlington, Kansas Association of RV Parks & Campgrounds; Bobbie Athon, Kansas State Historical Society; Alexis Woodall, Kansas Museums Association; Tammy Ensey, Kansas Bed & Breakfast Association; WenDee LaPlant, Kansas Sampler Foundation; and Adam Mills, Kansas Restaurant & Hospitality Association.

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