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Museum Elects New Officers at 2011 Annual Board Meeting

Monday, June 27, 2011—Eileen Mackevich, Executive Director of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, enlightened audiences at the National Public Housing Museum's 2011 Annual Meeting on June 7. Mackevich's speech focused on the meaning of the word "public," and how our perceptions of that word must change.

Prior to Mackevich's remarks, the NPHM board held its business session. The board unanimously elected Mark J. Schulte to be Chairman of the board. Schulte is a founder of Brookdale Senior Living Inc., the largest senior living and care provider in the United States. He serves on Brookdale's board of directors.

"I am both excited and deeply honored to serve The National Public Housing Museum at such an important stage of the this institution's young life," Schulte said. "There is a deep history and ongoing life to public housing that has been integral to the fabric of the lives of not only millions of current and former public housing residents, but also to the city of Chicago and the nation; the Museum is the ideal place to make sure all facets of these stories are told. I look forward having a role with the staff and other board members in bringing the Museum's plans and dreams to fruition."

NPHM Executive Director Keith L. Magee took the new title of President & CEO, and welcomed new board members to the Museum family while thanking departing board members for their years of service.

"It is an exhilarating time in the life of our Museum as we continues to evolve and gain more passionate leaders," Magee said. "I'm thrilled about Mark's leadership and grateful to Fred Bonner for leading us to this point."

Also elected to the board are Civic Leader Pam Cullerton, Holabird & Root Director of Interior Design Michele Dremmer, Handler Thayer, LLP Partner Gregory Frezados, and Trotter Consulting Group, LLC President & CEO Cortez Trotter.

Continuing their service to the board in new roles are Roberta Feldman, as Vice Chair- Programs and Interpretation, Saul Himelstein as Vice Chair- Development, Crystal Palmer as Vice Chair- Outreach, Lisa Lenoir as Secretary, and Francine Washington as Treasurer.

Departing the board after years of dedicated guidance are Kate Bensen, Mary Baldwin, Willard Dumas, Chuck Thurow and Alaka Wali.

"I am seeing the vision come to life before my very eyes," NPHM Founding Chair Deverra Beverly said. "I am certain that Mark and our new board members will bring us to our realized opening."

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The National Public Housing Museum is the first cultural institution dedicated to interpreting the American experience in public housing and illuminating the resilience of poor and working class families of every race and ethnicity. The Museum is slated to open in 2012 and will be located in the last remaining building of the Jane Addams Homes, a 1937 WPA building that was home to hundreds of public housing families until 2002.