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PBS Western Reserve Announces Stephen Colecchi as New Board Chair

KENT, OH — Monday, June 3, 2024 — PBS Western Reserve announces new leadership for its board of directors. Stephen Colecchi, CEO of Hattie Larlham, is the new chair and will succeed Romona Davis, vice president—senior SBA business development officer at The Huntington National Bank. Davis, who has served as a board member since 2005 and as board chair for the past five years, will continue as a board member.

PBS Western Reserve uses the power of noncommercial broadcast channels WNEO and WEAO and related services to enrich lives in Northeast Ohio and Western Pennsylvania. “Romona Davis has led our governing board during a time of significant change for PBS Western Reserve,” said Natalie Pillsbury, president and CEO. “Her efforts have been invaluable as she led with steady resolve and unwavering dedication.”

Also newly named to board leadership positions are Joyce Mistovich, director of education at The Butler Institute of American Art, as vice chair and Rebecca Murphy, Kent State University associate vice president of University Communications and External Affairs, as secretary. Bruce Sherman, community volunteer and retired owner of Sherman Creative Promotions, will continue as board treasurer.

Colecchi noted that the future is bright for PBS Western Reserve, citing its expanding reach into digital media programs and services for the region. “It’s an exciting time for the board as we set policies and exercise continued fiscal oversight to ensure the organization’s success,” he said. “I look forward to working with my fellow board members to help PBS Western Reserve grow and pursue its admirable mission.”

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About PBS Western Reserve

PBS Western Reserve is the brand name of Northeastern Educational Television of Ohio, Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation. A trusted community resource, PBS Western Reserve uses the power of commercial-free television and related services to enrich the lives of people through high-quality programming and educational services that teach, illuminate and inspire. It serves the largest population of Ohio's eight PBS member stations.

PBS Western Reserve (WNEO 45.1 / WEAO 49.1), a service of the organization, is the only broadcast television service that reaches all of Northeast Ohio. It is available to 4.9 million people in the Cleveland and Youngstown designated market areas. In an average month, more than 1 million people tune in. The organization also operates two standard definition channels: Fusion (WNEO 45.2 / WEAO 49.2) and FNX (WNEO 45.3 / WEAO 49.3).

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