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Navy Pier, Inc. Announces Five New Members to Join NPI Board

Civic and Philanthropic Leaders Join Navy Pier, Inc. Board at Historic Time in Pier's Near 100-year History

CHICAGO – Navy Pier, Inc. (NPI), the not-for-profit corporation that oversees the lakefront landmark and popular destination, announced five new members to its Board of Directors.

Under the leadership of NPI Board Chairman William J. Brodsky, the additional new civic and philanthropic leaders include John Bucksbaum of Bucksbaum Retail Properties, LLC; Michelle Collins, President of Cambium, LLC; Susan Crown, Founder of Owl Creek Partners; Lori Healey CEO of the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority (MPEA); and Sandy Reynolds, Senior Vice President of Global Business Development of IntraLink Global. James Reilly, former MPEA CEO, will remain on the NPI Board.

The new members join the Board as the Pier continues to undergo a major redevelopment as part of the centennial celebration. The multi-year effort, which began in fall 2013, will transform Navy Pier's 50 acres of premier urban waterfront into a spectacular, global destination and treasure for the people of Chicago and its visitors.

"This exceptional group of new board members will provide great leadership and guidance as the Pier continues to fulfill its Centennial Vision of becoming a truly world-class destination," said William J. Brodsky. "Each of these highly respected Chicago leaders bring unique civic, cultural and philanthropic experience to our board."

NPI Board members are elected to three-year staggered terms.

“Our Board is comprised of dedicated, thoughtful and passionate leaders who will provide us with the experience and insights needed to ensure that the Pier continues to attract local, national and international guests,” said Marilynn Gardner, President and CEO of Navy Pier, Inc. “With these talented new additions and our current Board leadership’s continued guidance, we anticipate a fantastic new chapter in our Board’s history.”

Board of Director Profiles:

John Bucksbaum: Founder of Bucksbaum Retail Properties, LLC based in Chicago, a fully-integrated owner and developer of retail real estate including suburban malls and urban-oriented retail developments. Bucksbaum is actively involved in understanding the relationship between a high quality of life and the built environment. Bucksbaum previously served as chairman and CEO of General Growth Properties, Inc., a publicly traded Real Estate Investment Trust which had ownership and management interest in more than 200 regional and super regional shopping malls in 44 states. Bucksbaum currently serves on the boards of the University of Chicago Hospitals, The Field Museum, The Chicago Sports Commission and the World Presidents Organization, among others.

Michelle Collins: President of Cambium LLC, a business and financial advisory firm serving small and medium-sized companies. She is currently a member of the Advisory Board of the private equity firm, Svoboda Capital Partners, LLC. Ms. Collins is a member of the boards of Integrys Energy Group, Inc., Health Care Service Corporation, Ulta Beauty, Inc., PrivateBancorp, Inc. and Strategic Marketing, Inc. She is also a board member or trustee of Erikson Institute (Chair), Chicago Urban League, Chicago Public Library Foundation (a Vice Chair), Meadville Lombard Theological Society, the Museum of Science and Industry, UChicago Impact, the Civic Consulting Alliance and Hyde Park Angels.

Susan Crown: Founder and Chairman of Owl Creek Partners, a Chicago-based investment firm and the Founder of SCE, a foundation which aims to cultivate 21st century skills in the rising generation, She is the Chairman of the Executive Committee of Illinois Tool Works, and Chairs of the Business Strategy Committee of the Northern Trust Corporation’s Board of Directors. Ms. Crown served as a Fellow of the Yale Corporation for 12 years and as a Co-Chairman of the Yale Tomorrow Campaign. She also served as the inaugural Chairman of Steven Spielberg’s Shoah Visual History Foundation and founding director of the Covenant Foundation. She also serves as a director of CARE, U.S.A. and The Chicago Public Education Fund.

Lori Healey: Currently serving as the Chief Executive Officer of the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority (MPEA), owner of McCormick Place, the nation's largest convention center, Navy Pier, and the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place, Healey oversees the development of the McCormick Collection which includes a 10,000 seat event center and a 1,206 room Marriott Marquis Headquarters Hotel. She built a strong public sector career during which she earned a reputation for bringing together private and public partnerships and has held several senior leadership positions for the City of Chicago.

James Reilly: Former Chief Executive Officer of the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority (MPEA) with more than 30 years of experience in management and large real estate development including serving as CEO of the Chicago Convention and Tourism Bureau, as well as COO of the State of Illinois under Governors Jim Edgar and Jim Thompson. He is currently an Ex-Officio Board Member for Choose Chicago and previously sat on the Board of Directors for Mercy Hospital and the Illinois Institute of Technology. He most recently became chairman of the Illinois Capital Development Board.

Sandy Reynolds: Senior Vice President of Global Business Development for IntraLink Global and co-founder of Loop Capital Markets where she performed virtually every function in the global investment bank servicing corporate, governmental and institutional entities. Reynolds served on the board of the Goodman Theater, the Museum of Contemporary Art, After School Matters and the University of Chicago Women's board. She was recently appointed to the board of Choose Chicago, the City's government-supported convention and tourism non-profit organization.

About Navy Pier Inc.

Located on Lake Michigan, Navy Pier is the #1 leisure destination in the Midwest, welcoming nearly nine million visitors annually. Originally opened in 1916 as a shipping and recreation facility, this Chicago landmark showcases more than 50 acres of parks, restaurants, attractions, shops, sightseeing and dining cruise boats, exposition facilities and more. Navy Pier, Inc., a 501 (c)(3) not-for-profit organization, maintains and oversees Navy Pier and its redevelopment into a bolder, greener and more contemporary urban space. For more information, visit our website at www.navypier.com.