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Leadership Maryland Announces 2016 Officers and Directors

Eric Brotman elected chair; Memo Diriker elected vice-chair; Jean Accius, Kenneth Brannan, Jeannette Fitzwater, Valencia McClure and Jeanette Partlow, join board of directors

Annapolis, Md. (March 21, 2016) – Leadership Maryland, the professional development program dedicated to building a better Maryland by harnessing the strength of its local business and community leaders, announces the election of its officers and board of directors for the coming year.

Eric Brotman, CFP '09, president and managing principal, Brotman Financial Group is the newly elected chairman of the board. **Dr. Memo F. Diriker '12**, director, BEACON at Salisbury University, is the newly elected vice chairman.

Re-elected to their official roles are Secretary **Howard S. Freedlander '05**, and Treasurer **Jeanne Forrester Singer, Esq. & CPA '07**, Law Offices of Jeanne F. Singer.

Leadership Maryland's newly elected directors are: **Jean C. Accius Ph.D. '14**, vice president, Public Policy Institute, AARP; **Kenneth L. Brannan '05**, owner, Saucy Salamander; **Jeannette R. Fitzwater '09**, CEO, JR Fitzwater & Associates; **Valencia McClure '15**, director of Communications and Corporate Relations, Baltimore Gas & Electric Company; and **Jeanette G. Partlow, Esq. '13**, president, Maryland Chemical Company, Inc.

Gloria Aparicio-Blackwell '13, director of community engagement, University of Maryland; and **Kim B. Leonard '00**, director, Western Maryland Health System Inc., were re-elected as directors for second consecutive terms.

“At Leadership Maryland, we are fortunate to have so many dedicated members who choose to remain actively involved in our organization after they graduate from our program,” said Renée Winsky '05, Leadership Maryland president and CEO. “We have once again assembled a strong board of outstanding individuals who are committed to assisting with our ongoing efforts to refine refine our program and grow our organization to better nurture our state’s business and community leaders.”

For more information about Leadership Maryland or program application information, please visit www.leadershipmd.org or call 410-841-2101.

About Leadership Maryland

Leadership Maryland is a professional development program dedicated to building a better Maryland by harnessing the strength of its local business and community leaders. Each year, as many as 52 diverse and accomplished executives from Maryland’s public and private sectors are selected to come together as a class for an eight-month hands-on learning program focused on the state’s most vital social, economic and environmental issues. The first Leadership Maryland class graduated in 1993, and the organization’s alumni network now consists of more than 1,000 leaders from all industries and regions of the state. To learn more, please call Leadership Maryland at 410-841-2101 or visit www.LeadershipMD.org.