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Leadership Maryland Announces 2018 Officers and Directors

Memo Diriker elected chair; Jeanne Singer elected vice-chair; Gloria Aparicio-Blackwell elected secretary; Jeannette Fitzwater elected treasurer; Chris Borgal, Bob Brennan, Rhea Harris and Mike Hiner join board of directors

Annapolis, Md. (March 20, 2018) – 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.

Dr. Memo F. Diriker '12 (LM), director of BEACON at Salisbury University, is the newly elected chairman of the board. **Jeanne F. Singer, Esq. '07**, Attorney at Law with the Law Offices of Jeanne F. Singer, is the newly elected vice chairman. Secretary **Gloria Aparicio-Blackwell '13**, director of community engagement, University of Maryland, and Treasurer **Jeannette R. Fitzwater '09**, CEO and Strategic Coach, JR Fitzwater & Associates, are also newly elected officers.

Leadership Maryland's newly elected directors are: **Christopher J. "Chris" Borgal, CSM '16**, senior property manager, Peterson Companies; **Robert C. "Bob" Brennan '04 (LM)**, executive director of MEDCO; **Rhea L. Harris, Esq. '13**, assistant secretary for Programs & Services, Maryland State Police; and **Michael S. "Mike" Hiner '16**, president, Willow Construction, LLC.

Jean C. Accius Ph.D. '14, vice president, Public Policy Institute, AARP; **Brian T. Spiering '11** (retired); and **Eric W. Franklin '09 (LM)**, president and CEO of ERIMAX, 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 growing 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 1,100 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.

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