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Seven New Members Appointed to PBS 45 & 49 Board of Directors

KENT, Ohio — June 22, 2005 — PBS 45 & 49 announces the appointment of seven new members to its board of directors. The appointments increase membership on the board from eight to 15 trustees.

"We are pleased to welcome the new board members, who will help us further the mission of PBS 45 & 49," said David C. Sweet, board chairperson and president of Youngstown State University. "Individually they are leaders who bring unique specialties to their new role. Together they add valuable dimension and insight to the board."

PBS 45 & 49 President and General Manager Trina Cutter commented, "The contributions of the board are vital to our operations. I look forward to working with the new members in helping us champion the value of our services to the community."

The new board members represent a variety of backgrounds and interests:

Nancy J. Brennan — Brennan is vice president of White Hat Management, a professional education management company. She is also actively involved in community service in the Akron area.

Romona J. Davis — As vice president and commercial lender at Republic Bank in Pepper Pike, Davis specializes in conventional and small-business administration loans. She is also founder of Manners 'N More Foundation, a nonprofit organization that provides free manners and etiquette classes.

Michael Harshman — Harshman is a victims advocate attorney in Youngstown. He is active in the legal community and also serves on the board of directors of the Western Reserve Port Authority.

Kevin J. Keough — Keough is senior vice president at FirstEnergy Corporation in Akron. He is actively involved at Valley Christian Academy in Aurora.

Renee S. Pipitone — A lifelong resident of Akron, Pipitone is active as a community volunteer in the greater Akron area. She holds bachelor's and master's degrees in education and is a graduate of the Leadership Akron program.

Chad Smith — Smith is president of Signa StorTech Systems, which produces metal-fabricated and powder-coated products that include check processing equipment and filing and storage solutions. He is active in the greater Canton community.

Andrea Wood — Wood is president of Youngstown Publishing Company and publisher and editor-in-chief of *The Business Journal*, which she co-founded in 1984. She has an extensive background in broadcast and print journalism.

The new board members join the following current board members:

- **Mark S. Auburn**, dean, College of Fine and Professional Arts, The University of Akron, and PBS 45 & 49 executive committee member
- **Allen Bartholet**, executive director and general manager, WKSU-FM, and PBS 45 & 49 executive committee member
- **Eugenia Calwise-Atkinson**, executive director, Youngstown Metropolitan Housing Authority
- **Carol A. Cartwright**, president, Kent State University
- **David M. Hunter**, partner, Brouse McDowell, Akron
- **George McCloud**, Special Assistant to the President for University Advancement, Youngstown State University, and PBS 45 & 49 executive committee member
- **Luis M. Proenza**, president, The University of Akron
- **David C. Sweet**, president, Youngstown State University, and PBS 45 & 49 board chair

About PBS 45 & 49

PBS 45 & 49 is owned and operated by Northeastern Educational Television of Ohio, Inc., a private, nonprofit corporation. A trusted community resource, PBS 45 & 49 uses the power of non-commercial television and related services to enrich the lives of people through high-quality programming and educational services that teach, illuminate and inspire.

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