

BUSH FOUNDATION ELECTS KATHRYN H. TUNHEIM AS CHAIRMAN

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Saint Paul, Minn. (March 13, 2007)—The Bush Foundation Board of Directors has elected Kathryn H. Tunheim as chairman. She has served on the Bush Foundation Board since 1997 and will succeed William P. Pierskalla of Bemidji. She will serve a three-year term.

Tunheim is the president and CEO of Tunheim Partners, one of Minnesota's largest public relations agencies, and has extensive experience in corporate, government and nonprofit communications management. She has a solid history of volunteer and public service activities, including membership in the Itasca Project and as chair of The Great Northern Alliance, both regional groups focused on economic vitality and competitiveness. Tunheim is also former board chair of the Science Museum of Minnesota, and a board member of the University of Minnesota Foundation, the St. Croix Valley Community Foundation and the Luther Institute in Gettysburg, Penn.

"I am looking forward to leading the Foundation through one of the more interesting and critical periods of its history, as we strive to ensure that the Bush Foundation plays an impactful role in our region's changing dynamics. Our mission remains the same: we are committed to building and supporting effective leadership. But our new strategic plan expands our tools beyond grantmaking—and we'll be challenging ourselves and our partners to show real impact in the areas of healthy people, economic vitality and a thriving cultural life," Tunheim said.

Bush Foundation President Anita Pampusch said, "The energy and expertise that Kathy brings to the Board leadership is precisely what we need right now. She has been closely involved in the development of the new strategic plan and will play a key role in its effective implementation."

Tunheim's photograph is available by calling (651) 379-2238 or emailing vtirrel@bushfoundation.org.

The **Bush Foundation** is a private grantmaking organization fostering vibrant communities and vital leadership. Established in 1953 by 3M executive Archibald Bush and his wife, Edyth, the Foundation supports organizations in the areas of arts and culture, health and human services, education and ecological health in a region that included Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota. Its individual fellowship programs in the arts, medicine and leadership are open to candidates from this same region.