



## Bush Foundation

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### **NEW DIRECTORS JOIN BUSH FOUNDATION BOARD – Board Officers Elected at Annual Meeting**

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**(Saint Paul, MN - March 17, 2009)**—Community and business leaders Curtis W. Johnson, Eric J. Jolly and Wendy M. Nelson have been elected to the Bush Foundation’s Board of Directors. Johnson is a principal of the Citistates Group and managing partner of Education Evolving, Jolly is president of the Science Museum of Minnesota and Nelson is executive vice president of brand strategy for Carlson Hotels Worldwide.

“Wendy, Curt and Eric join the Foundation at an exciting time,” said Board Chair Kathryn H. Tunheim. “Our new colleagues’ passion, experience and accomplishments will enrich our Board in this inaugural year of *Goals for a Decade*. They will be invaluable as we move forward to achieve our goals in Minnesota and the Dakotas—to develop courageous leaders and engage entire communities in solving problems, to support the self-determination of Native nations and to increase education achievement across Minnesota and the Dakotas.”

The new directors replace The Honorable Ivy Bernhardson (a district court judge for Hennepin County, Minnesota), William P. Pierskalla (former John E. Anderson professor and former dean of the John E. Anderson Graduate School of Management at UCLA) and Gordon M. Sprenger (retired executive officer of the Allina Health System Corporation). Each served a 12-year term on the Board; during that time, Pierskalla chaired the Board for five years, and Bernhardson and Sprenger each chaired the Investment and Governance Committees, respectively, for five years.

At its March 3 annual meeting, the Board confirmed Tunheim to continue as chair for a third year and selected Ms. Jan K. Malcolm for the position of vice chair. Tunheim is president and CEO of Tunheim Partners, a Twin Cities-based communications consulting firm. Malcolm is president and CEO of Courage Center, a rehabilitation and resource center for people with disabilities headquartered in Golden Valley, Minnesota.

#### **Curtis W. Johnson, Ph.D.**

Johnson’s career began as a teacher and expanded through three college presidencies, followed by a decade as executive director of the Citizens League. He served as policy advisor and later chief of staff to former Minnesota Governor Arne Carlson, then chaired the Metropolitan Council. Today his time is split between work with the Citistates Group (a network of journalists and analysts focused on the competitiveness and sustainability of metro regions) and Education Evolving (a Minnesota-based policy design organization of which he is the managing partner).

“A variety of economic, social and educational challenges could bring huge disruptions to people living in the three states the Bush Foundation serves,” Johnson said. “The Foundation has a well-researched

strategy to make a difference over the next 10 years, and I'm pleased to join the Board as it turns that strategy into reality."

Johnson is on the boards of Taxi 2000 (a Minnesota transportation technology company) and the National Civic League, as well as serving on the Minnesota Public Finance Research Board. Johnson is a fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration and author/co-author of several books, including *Citistates*, *Boundary Crossers*, *Disrupting Class* and his most recent, *Century of the City*, which was recognized as one of the 10 best planning books for 2009 by the respected Planetizen website.

Johnson has a BA in history from Baylor University, where he also did post-graduate study. His doctorate in education administration is from the University of Texas at Austin.

### **Eric J. Jolly, Ph.D.**

As president of the Science Museum of Minnesota, Jolly leads an organization that conducts research, collects and preserves artifacts, produces and distributes award-winning exhibits and giant-screen films, and offers educational programs to 1.3 million people annually in the Upper Midwest and to millions more around the world through the Museum traveling programs.

"The Bush Foundation is embarking upon a new vision that will have a profound impact on the communities it serves," Jolly said. "It's an honor to be part of that momentum and to engage communities in new ways that will turn the vision into an exciting reality."

Jolly's bachelor degree in psychology and physics is from the University of Rhode Island. He also holds an MS in psychology and psychometrics, and a doctorate in psychology from the University of Oklahoma. Jolly is known for his personal passion for STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) education and for working to identify solutions that address our country's achievement gap. He is widely recognized for his contributions to mathematics and science education, and for his lifelong contributions to diversity initiatives.

He has published many scholarly articles and lectured throughout the world. Most recently, he published *Engagement, Capacity and Continuity: A Trilogy for Student Success*, a report that analyzes why successful individual reform efforts have not led to broader increases in students achieving at high levels or entering careers in science and math. His curricula are used in more than 16 countries and an estimated 400,000 classrooms worldwide.

Jolly serves on numerous national advisory boards including the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian, the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology and the Association of Science-Technology Centers. In the Twin Cities, he serves on the boards of The Minneapolis Foundation, the Augsburg College Board of Regents and the Saint Paul Public Schools Foundation; he is an advisor to the University of Minnesota's Humphrey Institute on Nonprofit Leadership, among others.

In 2008, Saint John's University recognized Jolly with an honorary doctor of laws degree. Jolly is also a lifetime member of the Society for Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science.

### **Wendy M. Nelson**

Since the early 2000s, Nelson has charted new directions for Carlson Restaurants Worldwide and Carlson Hotels Worldwide, where she is the executive vice president of Radisson brand strategy.

"When I learned about the Foundation's *Goals for a Decade*, I had to be part of making it happen," she said. "People living in Minnesota and the Dakotas, particularly children and young people, deserve to have more effective leaders. Now more than ever we need more vibrant communities, more culturally authentic governance and teachers who can help students achieve at a higher level."

Prior to joining Carlson Companies, Nelson was a private equity associate for Lake Capital of Chicago and pursued investments as a venture capitalist/investor. She also shaped new sports marketing ventures with Seavy Corp. and Reebok.

Nelson holds a BS degree in philosophy from Northwestern University and an MBA from the Kellogg School of Management.

Among her other achievements, Nelson was captain of the tennis team at Northwestern, where she was named to the All Big Ten. She joined the professional tennis circuit after college and earned a Women's Tennis Association ranking. Today, she stays involved in her favorite sport by serving on the board of Inner City Tennis in Minneapolis.

Nelson's other current board service includes Northwestern University, the Guthrie Theater, the Curtis L. Carlson Foundation and Carlson Holdings, Inc., the parent of Carlson Companies.

Peter C. Hutchinson, Bush Foundation president, said, "Over the last two years, the directors, under Kathy Tunheim's amazing leadership, have conceived of and given Foundation staff and me the challenging opportunity of launching *Goals for a Decade*. We will certainly miss the contributions of Ivy, Bill and Gordon to the Foundation's future. Having Kathy as chair and Jan as vice chair is a great partnership to lead us forward, and we have great expectations for the experience and fresh perspectives that Eric, Curt and Wendy bring."

The **Bush Foundation** was established in 1953 by 3M executive Archibald Bush and his wife Edyth. The Foundation strives to be a catalyst to shape vibrant communities in Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota by investing in courageous *and* effective leadership that significantly strengthens and improves the well-being of people in these three states. In 2009, it launched *Goals for a Decade*. Learn more about the Foundation and [Goals for a Decade](http://www.bushfoundation.org) at [www.bushfoundation.org](http://www.bushfoundation.org).

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