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Art Museum

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**PALM SPRINGS ART MUSEUM ANNOUNCES ELECTION OF
JANE EMISON AS NEW BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHAIR**

A board member since 2015, Emison assumes the position vacated by the late Steve Maloney

PALM SPRINGS, CA (April 28, 2021) — Palm Springs Art Museum’s Board of Trustees has elected Jane Emison to the position of Chair. The special election was held on April 5, 2021 in order to fill the position vacated by the passing of Steve Maloney who had served as chair since February 2018. Mary Ingebrand-Pohlad—one of the museum’s two Executive Vice Chairs along with Harold Matzner—had been serving as Interim Chair since Maloney’s untimely passing.

“The selection of Jane as our new chair is an outstanding one,” says Louis Grachos, the museum’s JoAnn McGrath Executive Director/CEO. “She has been a dedicated and highly active member of the board since 2015, and co-chaired our extremely successful Art Party fundraising gala in January 2020. Jane’s lifelong interest in art and design as well as her vast experience in serving in an array of philanthropic capacities make her a perfect fit. She will be instrumental in guiding the museum from of the financial challenges posed by our closure due to COVID-19 as well continuing the evolution that Steve Maloney began of positioning our institution as a world-class art destination.”

Emison is a retired interior designer who had her own firm and practiced her profession for over 40 years. Specializing largely in commercial interiors, she completed projects from banks to corporate headquarters to a hotel in India. She has a bachelor’s degree in human development and education, interior design and business minor from NDSU, and currently resides in Minnesota and California.

Since her retirement, Emison has dedicated her time to philanthropy and she serves on several boards including the Minneapolis Institute of Art, Hillswood Foundation and DePauw University (advisory trustee). She has served as the board chair of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Twin Cities and was a regional trustee for Boys & Girls Clubs of America for 16 years. During her term as the development chair for MIA, she served on the endowment campaign committee. She has chaired many special fund raising events including auctions, the Gala for MIA, and as co-chair of Palm Springs Art Museum’s Art Party 2020.

Emison supports other arts and community organizations through the Hillswood Foundation. She has endowed a named associate curator of South Eastern Asian Art and has established an endowment for Native American Art for MIA.

She joined Palm Springs Art Museum's Board of Trustees in 2015 at the behest of her longtime friend Donna MacMillan. She under-wrote the museum's Master Facilities Plan and has been a continuous President's Circle supporter since her involvement began.

After her election as chair, Emison formed a new slate of officers which were approved by the board on April 21, 2021.

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About Palm Springs Art Museum

Palm Springs Art Museum is the largest cultural institution in the Coachella Valley and includes three locations in Palm Springs and Palm Desert. The flagship building, located in downtown Palm Springs, features compelling art exhibitions, a vast permanent collection, and the Annenberg Theater, all in a 150,000-square-foot, architecturally significant building. The Palm Springs Art Museum Architecture and Design Center, Edwards Harris Pavilion, features exhibitions and programming that explore the rich topics of architecture and design. In Palm Desert, Palm Springs Art Museum's four-acre Faye Sarkowsky Sculpture Garden is open to the public from sunrise to sunset, seven days a week.