



## Michigan Nonprofit Association

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### Michigan Nonprofit Association Welcomes New Board of Directors Members

**June 22, 2009 - Lansing, MI** – Michigan Nonprofit Association (MNA) is pleased to announce the election of nine new Board of Directors members: Ben Baldus, Lutheran Social Services of Michigan; Carolyn Bloodworth, Consumers Energy Foundation; Paula Cunningham, Capitol National Bank; David Fike, Marygrove College; Angie Gaabo, Community Economic Development Association of Michigan; Jennifer Goulet, ArtServe Michigan; Reggie LaGrand, W.K. Kellogg Foundation; William Liebold, The Liebold Group; and Paula Kaiser VanDam, Michigan Community Service Commission.

These recent inductees will serve important roles in the guidance of Michigan Nonprofit Association and advancement of philanthropy, volunteerism and the nonprofit sector.

*Biographies are listed below*

#### About MNA

Incorporated in 1990, and governed by a board that represents the diversity of the nonprofit sector, MNA increases the capacity of Michigan's nonprofits to serve, strengthen and transform communities. With more than 1,100 members, MNA serves as a statewide network for the sector, a resource center on effective management practices, and as an advocate for the nonprofit community. MNA is the collective voice of Michigan's nonprofit organizations.

#### Ben Baldus

*Lutheran Social Services of Michigan*

Ben Baldus is the Director of Public Policy and Advocacy at Lutheran Social Services of Michigan. Prior to his position at LSSM, Baldus was the Director of Governmental Affairs for the State of Michigan. He is a graduate of Michigan State University.

#### Carolyn Bloodworth

*Consumers Energy Foundation*

Carolyn Bloodworth is a 28-year employee of Consumers Energy Foundation and currently serves as Secretary/Treasurer

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of the Consumers Energy Foundation and the CMS Energy Foundation. In addition to managing the day-to-day operations of the foundations, Carolyn is also Director of Corporate Giving and Education for CMS Energy and Consumers Energy. In addition to the MNA Board of Directors, she is on the board of directors of the Food Bank Council of Michigan and The LEAGUE Michigan, is a commissioner on the Michigan Community Service Commission and serves on the board of regents for Baker College-Jackson.

Paula Cunningham

*Capitol National Bank*

Paula Cunningham is the president of Capitol National Bank in Lansing. She joined Capitol National Bank after 25 years with Lansing Community College, where she served for six years as president. Paula holds a master's degree in Labor and Industrial Relations and a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism, both from Michigan State University.

David Fike

*Marygrove College*

Dr. David Fike is the President of Marygrove College in Detroit. Prior to his appointment as President, Dr. Fike served as the Provost for Marygrove College and the Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty for Holy Names College in Oakland, Calif. He currently is a member of the New Detroit Board of Directors and is leading an "Urban Leadership" program integrated into the curriculum at Marygrove College.

Angie Gaabo

*Community Economic Development Association of Michigan (CEDAM)*

Angie Gaabo has been the Executive Director of CEDAM since spring of 2007. For the last fifteen years, Angie has been greatly involved with Detroit community development. She served as Executive Director of Community Legal Resources for seven years, was a member of the CEDAM Board of Directors from 2004-2007, and has a Masters in Urban Planning from Wayne State University.

Jennifer Goulet

*ArtServe Michigan*

Jennifer H. Goulet joined ArtServe's staff in 2007 as its Director of Development and assumed the role of President in October 2008. Prior to joining ArtServe, Goulet served as the Executive Director of the Chelsea Center for the Arts and served as the City of Ypsilanti's Downtown Development Authority Director and Community and Economic Development Director from 1993 to 2005.

Reggie LaGrand

*W.K. Kellogg Foundation*

Reggie LaGrand is a program director for Greater Battle Creek Programming. Prior to joining the Foundation, Reggie was the director of the Calhoun County Juvenile Home in Marshall, Mich. and served as a national trainer and consultant for the National Juvenile Detention Association, Center for Research and Professional Development in East Lansing, Mich.

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William Liebold

*The Liebold Group*

Bill Liebold is president of The Liebold Group, a LCC formed to provide trusted advice to not-for-profit and higher education clients in the areas of board building, resource development and government relations. Prior to establishing The Liebold Group, Bill served as president of the Michigan Colleges Foundation from 1991-2007 and led the organization to the most successful period in its 60-year history.

Paula Kaiser VanDam

*Michigan Community Service Commission*

Paula Kaiser VanDam was selected as Executive Director of the Michigan Community Service Commission in March 2009. VanDam has been a valuable addition to the MCSC staff in various capacities since beginning her career at MCSC in 1995. Most recently, VanDam served as the MCSC's Deputy Director. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from DePauw University.

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