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Connecticut Science Center Announces Trustee Leadership *Zlatkus, Mandell and Mallery Elected as New Board of Trustees Officers*

Hartford, CT (January 26, 2022) – Longtime Connecticut Science Center Trustee and business leader, Lizabeth Zlatkus of Glastonbury has been elected Chair of the Board, succeeding Travelers executive William Malugen, who concluded his term as Chair. Andrew Mandell, Co-Founder & President of Data-Mail, was re-elected as Treasurer and Meryl Mallery, Vice President of Engineering at Ensign-Bickford Aerospace & Defense Company has been elected as Board Secretary. Waterford Group Chairman & CEO Len Wolman, a founding member of the Science Center Board, serves as Board Vice Chair.

“The Science Center’s mission to advocate for science, cultivate science engagement among children, families and all learners to inspire the science and technology workforce of the future is more timely and compelling than ever,” said Zlatkus. “The partnership between our strong governing Board and management team has seen the Science Center through the pandemic with an unwavering commitment to serving Connecticut, and I am honored to support this continued work in the role of Board Chair.”

Zlatkus, a public company board director and past Chief Financial Officer of The Hartford, most recently served in the elected role of Science Center Board Vice Chair.

“We thank Liz Zlatkus for accepting the role of Chair at this crucial time in our history, and we are grateful to her immediate predecessor, Bill Malugen, for his steadfast leadership through the pandemic,” said Matt Fleury, President and CEO of the Connecticut Science Center. “Community institutions are built and flourish as a direct result of community leadership, and our state is fortunate that these individuals dedicate themselves to the Science Center’s work to strengthen a culture of science, innovation and problem-solving across Connecticut.”

Recognition of Cheryl Chase

In addition to the election of new officers, the Science Center Board recognized Cheryl Chase, a founding Science Center Trustee and Board Chair at the opening of the Connecticut Science Center in 2009, with the designation of Trustee Emeritus for her exemplary service. Noted by Board resolutions for providing “indispensable strategic advice, practical guidance and wisdom to the Board and the Science Center’s management team,” Chase had a pivotal role in establishing, developing, and launching the Science Center as a resilient organization and a leader in science education.

Trustees Re-Elected

Four Trustees were re-elected to the Board, **Brian Evanko**, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer at Cigna; **Lori Hess** of Simsbury; **William Malugen**, EVP & President, National Accounts Casualty at Travelers, and **Theodore Sergi, PhD**, Retired President & CEO of the Connecticut Science Center.

Since the opening in 2009, the Science Center has served more than 3.5 million people. Throughout the pandemic, the Science Center has continued to provide first class in-person experiences in a safe, clean environment. Families and classrooms have also been able to engage in science learning at school and home through an array of new online programming. The Science Center is currently featuring *Mummies of the World: The Exhibition*.

For a complete list of Trustees, please visit CTScienceCenter.org/about/board-of-trustees.

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About the Connecticut Science Center: The LEED- Gold certified Connecticut Science Center, located in downtown Hartford, sparks creative imagination and an appreciation for science by immersing visitors in fun and educational hands-on, minds-on interactive experiences while maintaining an environmentally conscious presence. Serving more than 3.5 million people since opening in 2009, the Science Center features more than 165 exhibits in ten galleries, covering a range of topics including space and earth sciences, physical sciences, biology, the Connecticut River watershed, alternative energy sources, Connecticut inventors and innovations, a children's gallery, and much more. Other features include the state's only year-round butterfly habitat, five educational labs, a 200-seat 3D digital theater, function room, gift store, and ongoing events for all ages.

The Science Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing science education throughout the state of Connecticut and New England, providing learning opportunities for students and adults of all ages, and engaging the community in scientific exploration. The Connecticut Science Center is the home to the Joyce D. and Andrew J. Mandell Academy for Teachers, offering powerful professional development for educators. *More information: CTScienceCenter.org or (860) SCIENCE.*