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Pennsylvania

June 4, 2020

**FIRST VICE PRESIDENT**

Mr. John "Jack" Wabby, Trustee  
Kutztown University of Pennsylvania

Dear Trustees,

**SECOND VICE PRESIDENT**

Ms. Milissa S. Bauer, Trustee  
Clarion University of Pennsylvania

Thanks to you for taking the time to vote for the 2020 / 2021 PACT Executive Committee Officers. I am pleased to report that the following individuals have been selected to leadership positions:

**SECRETARY**

Ms. Mary Coploff, Trustee  
Lock Haven University of  
Pennsylvania

**President – Jack Wabby (Kutztown)**

**1ST VP – Milissa Bauer (Clarion)**

**2nd VP – Dr. Richard Frerichs (Millersville)**

**TREASURER**

Ms. Karen Russell, Trustee  
Mansfield University of Pennsylvania

**Treasurer – Karen Russell (Mansfield)**

**Secretary – Mary Coploff (Lock Haven)**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD**

**MEMBERS AT LARGE**

Mr. Ed Edwards, Trustee  
Bloomsburg University of  
Pennsylvania

They will take office on July 1, 2020.

Mr. James Raith, Trustee  
Cheyney University of Pennsylvania

For those of you who do not know our new officers, I have included a brief biography of them.

Mr. Stephen DeFrank, Trustee  
California University of Pennsylvania

**PRESIDENT - JACK WABBY      [jpwab@comcast.net](mailto:jpwab@comcast.net)**

Mr. Marcus S. Lingenfelter, Trustee  
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Dr. Richard L. Frerichs, Trustee  
Millersville University of  
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Mr. Mike Ross, Trustee  
Shippensburg University of  
Pennsylvania

Honorable Stephen Kinsey, Trustee  
West Chester University of  
Pennsylvania

Mr. John "Jack" Wabby '68 has served on the Kutztown University Council of Trustees since 1992. He served as the Council Chairperson from 1998-2001 and 2013-2016.

Mr. Wabby had a long career in education after earning his bachelor's degree in special education for the visually handicapped from Kutztown, and completing an M.S. in education at Bucknell University. He taught in the Saint Clair and Danville school districts and was assistant principal at Williams Valley High School, and principal at Saint Clair and Blue Mountain high schools.

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Mr. Wabby was a member of the PIAA District 11 Committee from 1978 until 2012, serving as chairman the last 19 years. He was a member of the PIAA Board of Directors from 1993 until 2012, serving as treasurer the last nine years. In addition, he was president of the Eastern Football Conference steering committee from 1983-2003, and Schuylkill League president/vice-president from 1977-2004. He is currently serving as the second vice president on the Pennsylvania Association of Councils of Trustees (PACT). Mr. Wabby serves as a board member of Lehigh Valley Health Network Rehabilitation Center-Schuylkill. He was also a former board member for the Schuylkill Transportation System.

**1ST VP - MILISSA BAUER      mbauer@kriebelgas.com**

Milissa Bauer of Clarion was appointed to the Council of Trustees in October 2012 and reappointed in 2013. Ms. Bauer is Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for The Kriebel Companies, one of the largest independent natural gas producers in the state. She is responsible for managing relationships with Kriebel Wells' partners and many operations of the other Kriebel companies.

Active professionally, Ms. Bauer serves as secretary/treasurer of the PA Producers Service Company (PIPSCO) of the PA Independent Oil & Gas Association. She also serves as director and chairperson of The Children's Scholarship Fund of PA, which provides financial assistance to needy families wishing to send their children to a school of their choice, and as treasurer of the Clarion County YMCA.

Ms. Bauer earned a Bachelor of Science degree majoring in accounting with a minor in computer information systems from Clarion University. She swam for the Clarion University Women's Swim Team coached by Dr. Rebecca Leas that won four NCAA Division II National Championship titles for the university from 1980 to 1984.

**2nd VP - DR. RICHARD FRERICHS      richfrerichs@aol.com**

Richard L. Frerichs is a professor emeritus of Educational Foundations at Millersville University. He received a bachelor's degree in biology and a master's degree in education/counselor education from Millersville University, as well as a doctoral degree in education from the University of Delaware.

Richard was appointed to the Council of Trustees in September 2013 and serves as the Council Vice Chairman, as well as a member of the Programs Committee and the PA Councils of Trustees Executive Board.

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**TREASURER - KAREN RUSSELL      karen.russell@keystonenorth.com**

Karen Russell is President of Keystone North, Inc. located in Mansfield, PA. Keystone North, Inc. is a manufacturing company specializing in the contract manufacturing of turnkey metal products, metal stamping, CNC machining, machine shop services, CNC plasma cutting, steel sales, and welding and fabrication services.

Ms. Russell has been in the manufacturing sector for more than 33 years. Since moving into corporate leadership in 1991, her business focus has been on establishing long-term sustainability through the diversification of her customer base as well as the metal-working services her company provides.

She earned the 2007 Woman Entrepreneur Award sponsored by the University of Scranton Small Business Development Center and the 2013 Governor's Impact Award for Small Business Impact. Keystone North, Inc. is a PA Certified Woman Business Enterprise.

Karen earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Mansfield State College in 1979 and her Master of Science in Business Management from Elmira College in 2010.

Ms. Russell, a life-long resident of Tioga County, is involved in regional, county, and local economic development organizations.

Karen's interest in life-long learning is supported by her family; husband, David, Mansfield Class of '63 and their blended family of six children; Adrienne (MU '93), Kate (MU '03), David, Zachary, Joshua (MU '09), and Patrick. With the support of her family, she continues the pursuit of her personal goals; to discover, grow, and provide positive impact on others.

**SECRETARY - MARY COPLOFF      maryanglecoploff@gmail.com**

Ms. Coploff was appointed in February 2009 to the LHU Council of Trustees. A 1974 graduate of Bloomsburg University, Coploff spent her career in teacher education. She taught in the Danville Area School District for five years before moving to the Lock Haven area. She then taught in the Keystone Central School District, retiring after 27 years. She has been, and continues to be, an active member in the Pennsylvania State Education Association serving at the local, state, and national level.

Coploff has been active in many civic organizations in Clinton County, currently serving on the board of directors for the Clinton County Arts Council and the Historical Society, and

a member of the Lock Haven Planning Committee. Coploff and her husband, Larry, reside in Lock Haven.

I believe this is a great group of officers and will take PACT to a new level of excellence. I look forward to you having the chance to meet them in person at the PACT Conference in September.

JEFF