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Vermont Arts Council Elects New Trustees and Officers

Montpelier – On Monday, June 6, the membership of the Vermont Arts Council elected six trustees to first or second terms during the Council’s annual meeting. The membership also approved changes to the Council’s bylaws. Following the meeting, the board of trustees elected new officers for FY2017. [Bob Stannard](#) (Manchester Center) was elected chairman. [Gayle Ottmann](#) (Quechee) was named first vice chair and [Robin Perlah](#) (Burlington), second vice chair. [Ed Clark](#) (Guildhall) was elected secretary/treasurer for a second term.

The following trustees were elected to first terms:

- [Stacey Glazer](#) (Thetford)
- [Rebecca McMeekin](#) (Braintree)
- [Greg Paus](#) (Hyde Park)
- [Tony Pietricola](#) (Grand Isle)
- [Gregory Sargent](#) (St. Albans)

Robin Perlah was elected to a second term.

“Trustees bring to the Council a broad range of skills and experience and a long-standing passion for the arts,” said Alex Aldrich, Arts Council executive director. “As the Council’s primary ambassadors in their regions of the state, trustees are vital to the Council’s operations as a state arts agency. We thank them for their service and their commitment to the arts.”

“The arts are a vibrant thread that enriches our life together in community,” said new trustee Rebecca McMeekin. “I’ve seen firsthand the life-changing capacity of the arts through work at the Chandler Center for the Arts, and I look forward to supporting the arts in a new capacity.”

The Vermont Arts Council envisions a state where everyone has access to the arts and creativity in their life, education, and community. Through its programs and services, the Council strives to increase public awareness of the positive role artists and arts organizations play in communities and to maximize opportunities for everyone to experience the arts. Since 1965, the Council has been the state's primary provider of funding, advocacy, and information for the arts in Vermont. www.vermontartscouncil.org.

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