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**The Racine Art Museum Association (RAMA)
Announces New Board Members and Officers**

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The Racine Art Museum Association (RAMA) Annual Members Meeting was held virtually on July 21, 2020. The membership elected a slate of new candidates for the museum’s Board of Directors for initial three-year terms and a returning Board Member for a second three-year term.

Elected for an initial three-year term:

- Sheronda Glass:** Associate Vice Chancellor of Human Resources, University of Wisconsin Parkside
- Karl Hipp:** Retired Educator, Racine Unified School District
- Everett McKinney:** Retired, Associate Head of School and Head of Upper School, The Prairie School

Elected for an initial three-year term after completing an unexpired term:

- Justin Peterman:** Financial Advisor, Edward Jones
- Diane Ruffo:** Volunteer Leader
- Neil Staack:** Business Development Officer, Educators Credit Union

Elected for a second three-year term:

- Ben Flegel:** President, Reliance Controls Corporation

In addition, the RAMA Board of Directors elected the following officers for the coming year at a separate session following the Annual Meeting.

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The 2020–21 RAMA officers are:

President: Neil Staeck: Business Development Officer, Educators Credit Union

Vice President: Diane Ruffo: Volunteer Leader

Treasurer: Ben Flegel: President, Reliance Controls Corporation

Secretary: Clair Holland: Business Development Director, BI Worldwide

RAMA also thanked the following, retiring Board members for their six years of dedicated service to the museum. Retiring members include: **Jane Devine, Debby Ganaway, Sharon Ramquist, and Chris Sklba.**

"We welcome and are grateful to our new Board members for their expertise, guidance, and leadership. They represent RAMA's commitment to ensuring diverse interests and perspectives that assist our organization in better serving our audience and the community," said Bruce W. Pepich, RAM Executive Director and Curator of Collections. "We also express our extreme gratitude to our retiring Board members for their support, enthusiasm, and hard work on behalf of RAM during their time of service. This kind of expertise is an incredibly valuable resource to the Association," he added.

RAMA provides operations and programming for both the Racine Art Museum and RAM's Charles A. Wustum Museum of Fine Art in Racine, Wisconsin.

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Together, the two campuses of the Racine Art Museum, RAM in downtown Racine at 441 Main Street and the Charles A. Wustum Museum of Fine Arts at 2519 Northwestern Avenue, seek to elevate the stature of contemporary crafts to that of fine art by exhibiting significant works in craft media with painting, sculpture, and photography, while providing outstanding educational art programming.