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Nicole Doud, Heather Martin Elected, David Levy Appointed to Mackinac Associates Board of Trustees

MACKINAC ISLAND, MICH. — Nicole Doud, of Mackinac Island, and Heather Martin, of Kenilworth, Illinois, were unanimously voted to the Mackinac Associates Board of Trustees at its annual meeting August 20. In addition, appointed member David Levy, of Mackinac Island, was introduced to the membership after being appointed to fill a vacant seat at the July 8 board meeting.

Doud fell in love with Mackinac during her college years and has been on Mackinac Island since 2006. She is married to Andrew Doud, owner of Doud's Market, who has a rich family history on Mackinac Island. They have three young boys and Nicole owns a gift shop on Main Street called Little Luxuries of Mackinac Island.

"I am excited and honored to be appointed to the Mackinac Associates board," Doud said. "I have always enjoyed learning about the history on Mackinac Island and what the State Park has to offer for tourists and the community. I believe it is important to teach not only the youth, but all ages. I am excited to be involved on this wonderful board! "

Heather (Huthwaite) Martin has been coming to Mackinac Island for more than 35 years since her parents purchased a cottage on the island. She and her family are active members of the Mackinac Island Yacht Club and Wawashkamo Golf Club. Martin is a former trial attorney and has three children – Caroline (23), Aidan (21), and Avery (17). Since retiring from practicing law, she has been active on a variety of philanthropic boards and civic organizations, including the Joffrey Ballet Woman's Board, Rush University Medical Center, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America, Northwestern Settlement House, Junior League, the American Cancer Society, and numerous school boards.

"I am very excited to join the Mackinac Associates board," Martin said. "I have a deep love for history and am excited to promote the history and treasures of the island with the next generation of residents and visitors."

David Levy and his wife, Ann, restored and now reside at Craig Mawr Cottage on the East Bluff, of Mackinac Island, with their horses and dogs. The restoration of the home, barn and gardens occurred between 2000 and 2004.

"We share a tremendous love of all things Mackinac," Levy said.

Levy serves as the Vice Chair of CATCH, as well as being on the Mackinac Island Library Board. Currently he is CEO and Founding Partner of Classic Roots Farm, as well as the Co-founder and CEO of Utica Leaseco, LLC. Previously he worked as Director of Mergers & Acquisitions for a major automotive supplier (MNP Corporation) and was the Executive Vice President and co-owner of a multinational auction and appraisal firm (Norman Levy Associates). He is an avid golfer, loves fishing and boating on the Great Lakes, and is also a Michigan football fan who loves to cook for his family and friends.

Doud and Martin replace Harriet McGraw and Tom Lockwood, who were term-limited off the board. McGraw has served as board president since 2020, while Lockwood has served as treasurer for several years. Levy fills the seat of Todd Petersen, who resigned from the board this past summer.

"Nicole, Heather, and David will make excellent additions to the Mackinac Associates board," said Steve Brisson, Mackinac State Historic Parks Director. "All have deep connections to Mackinac Island and the Straits of Mackinac area and bring unique skills and backgrounds to the board. "We thank Harriet, Tom, and Todd for their dedication to the Mackinac Associates board,"

Brisson continued. "We look forward to their continued involvement with Mackinac Associates in the future."

At the meeting, members heard from Dennis Cawthorne, former Mackinac Island State Park

Commission Chairman and Club 200 member, co-founder of the Kelley-Cawthorne Law Firm, and six

term congressman. McGraw highlighted the summer events and the generous support of members over

the past year, including funding the education outreach programs and the Dr. Beaumont Museum.

McGraw, Lockwood, and Petersen were presented plaques for their service on the board.

At the regular board meeting August 26, the board elected the following officers: Jeb Burns,

president; Todd Callewaert vice president, Brian Bailey, treasurer; and Nancy Porter, secretary. Other

members of the Board of Trustees include Kathy Lieder, Steven Murray, Joan Slater, Sheldon Smith,

Natalia Wohletz, and Skip Young.

More information on Mackinac Associates can be found on its website, mackinacassociates.com,

or at (231) 436-4100. A downloadable version of this release can be found here.

Mackinac Associates, founded as a 501(c)(3) in 1982, was created to support the mission of Mackinac State Historic Parks by providing funding to do projects and implement programs the park would otherwise not be able to afford. Mackinac Associates has supported needed projects in every area of museum operation and make possible interpretive programs, publications, exhibits, natural history education, park improvements and more. Since its inception, Mackinac Associates has provided more than \$2,000,000.00 in funding for projects throughout Mackinac State Historic Parks sites. Mackinac Associates has provided support to the education outreach program since its inception in 1987 providing over \$700,000 in funding to support staff and interpreters to visit area schools throughout the region during the winter months with the Historic Mackinac on Tour and Winter in Michigan's North Woods: Amazing Animal Adaptations programs. Included in these funds are scholarships given to local schools to help defray the cost of visits to Mackinac State Historic Parks sites. More information is available at (231) 436-4100 or online at mackinacassociates.com.

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