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## **WORLD TRADE CENTER SEATTLE APPOINTS NEW MEMBERS TO BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

*Six local business leaders accept appointment to guide strategy for prominent Seattle waterfront organization*



*Photo caption: Above from left to right: Photo #1: World Trade Center Seattle entrance; Photo #2: South-facing view; Photo #3: Holland America Line Dining Room.*

**Seattle, Wash (May 5, 2015)** – This month the World Trade Center Seattle (WTCSE) announced the addition of new business leaders to its board of governors. The WTCSE is part of the largest international educational and business services network in the world and a promoter of international trade and business development in the Pacific Northwest. The new members will join existing board members, including Tony Armada, CEO, Swedish Health Services, and Michael Schutzler, CEO, Washington Technology Industry Association, as they work to develop programming and initiatives to stimulate economic growth through international trade and business development in Seattle and the Pacific Northwest.

The new members are as follows:

- Don Antonucci, President, Regence
- Joe Aschbacher, Director of Global Accounts, Ste. Michelle Wine Estates
- Barbara Mitchell Briner, Senior Vice president, Chase Bank
- Mark Mathewson, Partner, Ernst & Young LLP
- Nina Morrison, Vice President of Community & Customer Relations, Talking Rain Beverage Co.
- Gregory Steinhauer, President, American Life, Inc.

“I’m very excited to be a part of this impactful organization focused on promoting economic strength and helping to create jobs now and into the future for our region,” said Mark Mathewson. Nina Morrison also commented “We have been members of the WTCSE for the past two years. The organization has helped us build stronger relationships with leaders in the region that in turn are helping build our business. I’m honored to join the board.”

“The board attracts regional leaders from diverse industries who are major drivers of our economy. We are thrilled to leverage their collective brain power as we work toward creating continued economic growth for our region” said Stein Kruse, CEO of Holland America and board co-chair. Additional co-chairs of the WTCSE board include Brad Tilden, CEO of Alaska Airlines, and Ted Fick, CEO of the Port of Seattle.

The first board of governors meeting with this new group will take place on May 13, followed by a WTSCE member reception. Member receptions are one of many benefits of membership at the WTCSE. Other benefits include a private dining room for lunch, complimentary meeting space, free valet parking and discounted rates at Columbia Hospitality properties. Member receptions are member-sponsored quarterly events for new and current members to gather and share ideas regarding their shared mission of business and economic growth. Sponsoring members gain valuable exposure throughout the evening as well as the opportunity to present to the group.

For more information regarding events or membership, please contact World Trade Center Seattle Director Shelley Tomberg at 206-269-4121 or Shelley@WTCSeattle.com.

### **About World Trade Center Seattle**

Dedicated to improving trade connections and business development, the World Trade Center Seattle (WTCSE) is located on the Seattle waterfront at 2200 Alaskan Way. Boasting meeting and event space complete with views of the Seattle waterfront, WTCSE is part of the World Trade Center Association that provides members with access to more than 330 World Trade Centers in 90 countries with more than 1.5 million member companies. The WTCSE is owned by the Port of Seattle and operated by Columbia Hospitality, Inc.

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