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Community Foundation Elects New Officers, Board Members Boston Foundation CEO Paul Grogan is Keynote Presenter

The Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts elected a slate of officers and four new board members at its 16th Annual Meeting, held on June 23 at Rachel's Lakeside in Dartmouth.

Peter C. Bogle, Esq. was elected to replace Linda Bodenmann as **Chair**. Also elected were Edward G. Siegal, CPA, Vice Chair; Mary Louise Nunes, CPA, Treasurer; Elizabeth Isherwood, Assistant Treasurer; and June A. Smith, Esq., Clerk.

Atty. Bogle is a principal of Bogle and DeAscentis, P.C., a Fall River Law Firm. He serves on the Board of BankFive, and is a Fellow for the Massachusetts Bar Foundation. A graduate of Cornell University Law School, Atty. Bogle clerked for the Hon. Joseph L. Tauro of the U.S. District Court of Massachusetts. Later he served as general counsel for the Massachusetts Energy Policy Office and as a staff attorney for the Massachusetts Public Interest Research Group (Mass PIRG). He is a former Commissioner on the City of Fall River Board of Police. He has been on the Community Foundation Board of Directors since 2006.

The meeting also featured a keynote presentation by **Paul S. Grogan, President and CEO of The Boston Foundation**, the largest public charity and grant maker in New England with assets of \$733 million and distributing more than \$1 billion in grants to regional nonprofits since its inception.

New members of the Board of Directors are **Carole A. Fiola, Gerry Kavanaugh, Joan Menard, and Leonard W. Sullivan**.

Ms. Fiola was elected five times to the 8-member Massachusetts Governor's Council, which provides advice and consent to the Governor for all judicial appointments. She served from January 2001 to January 2011. She is currently a practicing realtor with ReMax Right Choice in Fall River, which is co-owned and operated by Fiola Real Estate. She was General Manager and Vice President of WSAR/WHTB Radio from 1997-2001, and was named Fall River Woman of the Year in 1999 by The Standard-Times.

Her current volunteer affiliations include SMILES Mentor; Jack Brayton/Durfee Trust Fund Trustee; President of Healing Little Hearts; Durfee Hilltopper Athletic Foundation; Board of Directors, Steppingstone, Inc. of Fall River; and the Community Foundation.

A native of Dartmouth, Gerry Kavanaugh served in Washington, D.C. as Senator Edward M. Kennedy's Chief Economic Advisor and Chief of Staff from 1993 to 2001, and helped guide Kennedy through his 1994 and 2000 re-election campaigns. Mr. Kavanaugh also served as the Policy Director for the Democratic National Committee in 2001 prior to starting his own internet technology business in Washington, DC.

He is now the President of Higher Education Partners, a new company that works with community colleges to expand allied health programs for students. Its first project is located in downtown New Bedford, in

partnership with Bristol Community College. Gerry and his wife Colleen also started SouthCoast Connected, a very successful non-profit organization devoted to reducing the drop-out rate in New Bedford. The organization runs after-school recreation programs in New Bedford's three middle schools.

Joan Menard recently stepped down after serving 32 years in state government, 11 years as State Senator for the 1st Bristol and Plymouth District (1999-2010) and 21 years as a State Representative for the 5th Bristol District (1978-1999). She was Assistant Majority Leader of the Senate from 2009-2010, and was also appointed Majority Whip in 1984, becoming the first woman to hold a leadership position in the 223-year history of the House of Representatives. She is currently the Acting Vice President of Workforce Development, Lifelong Learning, Grant Development and External Affairs at Bristol Community College.

Ms. Menard's volunteer affiliations include: Board of Trustees, Hellenic American University, Athens, Greece; Board of Directors, Member, HealthFirst, Fall River; Board of Directors, Steppingstone, Inc., Fall River; Immediate Past Chair, New England Board of Higher Education; Executive Committee & Board of Directors, BankFive.

Leonard Sullivan has been with Bristol County Savings Bank since 1993, and currently serves as Executive Vice President/Senior Lender for the bank. He is responsible for overseeing a \$900 million loan portfolio consisting of commercial, residential, and installment loans. Prior to joining Bristol County Savings Bank, Mr. Sullivan was employed by South Shore Bank f/k/a/ Durfee Attleboro Bank from 1979 to 1993.

His community involvement includes: Board of Directors and Divisional Solicitation Chairman, United Way of Greater Attleboro/Taunton; Past Secretary and President of the Route 44 Business Association; Board of Directors for Community Partnerships, Inc.; and Treasurer of the UMass Foundation. He is on the Board of Directors for the Weir Corporation and the SEED Corporation.

About the Community Foundation

Since 1995, area residents have been turning to the Community Foundation to make their philanthropic giving as effective as possible. CFSEMA is a public charity serving thousands of people who share a common concern – improving the quality of life in Southeastern Massachusetts.

While the Foundation's primary grant making focus is on the SouthCoast communities of Greater New Bedford, Greater Fall River, and Greater Plymouth County, CFSEMA is a regional foundation serving 41 cities and towns. Over the past six years, the Community Foundation has distributed nearly \$10 million from 140 funds to humanitarian, educational and cultural organizations in the region. To learn more about the Foundation, visit www.cfsema.org.