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## **CTAA Announces 2020 Regional and National Board of Director Election Results**

Washington, D.C. – August 27, 2020. The Community Transportation Association of America (CTAA) is pleased to announce the results from its 2020 Regional and National Board of Director elections, which saw three new members elected and five members re-elected.

- Michael Whitten was elected to represent CTAA members in the New England region. Additionally, Kristen Joyner and Randy Zobrist (River Bend Transit, Davenport, Iowa) were re-elected to serve the

Southwest and Midwest regions, respectively.

- With the Association’s National Board Members, long-time transit leader Ann August and Kendra McGeady were newly elected to the CTAA Board. Ann Gilbert, Bill McDonald and Dave White were re-elected to serve as National Board Members. All were elected to three-year terms.

“On behalf of the Association and its Board of Directors, I am thrilled to announce the introduction of our new Regional and National Board Members,” said President of CTAA’s Board of Directors Elaine Wells. “I am confident that



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Ann, Kendra and Michael will not only lend their deep knowledge of the industry, but also work diligently for our community and public transportation providers across the country. CTAA has a rich history of providing a diversity of opinions, perspectives and expertise, and I look forward to continuing this tradition.”

“I am pleased to welcome Ann, Kendra and Michael into increased leadership roles with the Association,” said CTAA Executive Director Scott Bogren. “They have all been long-standing advocates for community and public transportation, and have worked closely with local and national stakeholders over the years to increase funding and communicate challenges often faced by CTAA member agencies. I have no doubt they will be successful in supporting CTAA members.”

Michael Whitten serves as the Executive Director at the Manchester Transit Authority in Manchester, N.H. and is responsible for the development, implementation, and review of all aspects of operations including budget development, grant management, and service design. He has 20 years of transit experience and has made the reduction of MTA’s carbon footprint a main priority since coming to the organization in 2007. Whitten is the President of the Northeast Passenger Transportation Association (NEPTA) and is the Chairman of the New Hampshire Transit Association’s Legislative Committee. “I am honored to join the CTAA Board of Directors representing the New England region. I’m excited to work with my colleagues in developing our new normal with regard to public transportation. It feels at times as though the pandemic has changed everything but our ultimate responsibility remains the same; to safely

transport our riders to their destinations for employment, education, medical, shopping, or any of the dozens of other reasons people travel by transit. CTAA is major source of support for our systems. I can't wait to work with Scott and the Board to keep our industry moving forward. Our techniques will change, but our commitment to our passengers will last forever, " said Whitten.

Ann August serves as the CEO of ADA Transit Consulting, LLC in Sumter, S.C., which specializes in public transit compliance, policy reviews and training. Previously, she served as the Interim Executive Director/CEO for at the COMET Transit Authority (S.C.), CEO of the Birmingham Jefferson County Transportation Authority (Ala.), CEO of the Santee Wateree Regional Transportation Authority (S.C.) and spent 15 years at the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (Penn.) "It is an honor and a privilege to be elected to serve as one of the CTAA National Director on its Board. I truly look forward to working with old and new colleagues on the Board to assist in making a difference in transit initiatives; especially as we work though this pandemic and its effects on transit systems around the country. Transportation has always been the key between education and economics and we must continue to advocate to keep our systems operational, minimize the spread of COVID-19 in the industry and maintain compassion for our front line workers. I am excited to work with a progressive Board along with Scott and his dynamic CTAA staff. Together we will make a difference," said August.

Kendra McGeady serves as the Director of Transportation at Pelivan Transit and the Northeast Oklahoma Tribal Transit Consortium in Big Cabin, Okla., and

leads a talented transit team in providing safe, efficient, affordable and caring transit services. She works to form partnerships in order to build an effective transit system in northeast Oklahoma, while also supporting the transit industry statewide and nationally in determining avenues of sustainability for all transit agencies. McGeady currently serves as Secretary /Treasurer on the Southwest Transit Association Board, as well as being a Rural / At-Large member of the Oklahoma Transit Association Board of Directors. "I am so honored to serve as a national board member for the CTAA," said Kendra. "As we move into the future, and the emerging mobility landscape of public transportation, I look forward to being a voice for rural and tribal transit and making an impact at a national level on our behalf," said McGeady.

While CTAA is excited to work with these new Board Members, the Association is sad to say farewell to long-time Board Member Barbara Donovan, who is retiring later this year. Donovan has served the New England region with passion and skill, and never-ending determination to strengthen members. We thank her for her service and dedicated years to CTAA.

For the full list of CTAA's Board of Directors, along with comprehensive biographies of each member, [click here](#).

*The Community Transportation Association, established in 1989, is a national non-profit, membership association committed to removing barriers to isolation and improving mobility for all people. The Association provides informational resources, technical assistance, training and certification, and many additional resources to*

*communities, transportation providers, and other groups to increase mobility and improve the quality of community and public transportation.*