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Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce installs new Board Officers and members and honors regional leaders and businesses at annual Greater Washington Good Business Awards

Kathryn Falk, Cox Communications, inducted as Board Chair; Anne Holton, Former Interim President of George Mason University honored with Lifetime Achievement Award

Tysons Corner, Virginia – Last week, the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce held its annual Greater Washington Good Business Awards honoring and celebrating the leadership of individuals, businesses, and nonprofits that serve as powerful champions for good in our community. The event welcomed 2020-2021 Chairwoman Kathryn Falk, the appointment of 21 new members to its Board of Directors along with a new officers for the Executive Committee, effective June 29, 2020. The Greater Washington Good Business Awards also recognized Anne Holton with a Lifetime Achievement Award for her resolute service and commitment to education in the region and Commonwealth.

Kathryn Falk, Cox Communications, serves as the Board's Chair for 2020-2021, assuming the position from outgoing Chairman Todd Rowley, Old Dominion National Bank. The other **officers of the Executive Committee** are:

- Luanne Gutermuth, LSG Solutions LLC, Vice Chair;
- Matt McQueen, Peraton, Secretary;
- Susan Moser, Cherry Bekaert LLP, Treasurer; and
- Judith Kassel, Saul Ewing, Arnstein, & Lehr, LLP, Legal Counsel.

The Northern Virginia Chamber also welcomed its 2020-2021 Board member class which was selected through a Nominating Committee.

“We are fortunate to be adding iconic leaders to our Board. The Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce is needed now more than ever, to connect, educate and advocate. The Voice of Business in the region is strong and our future remains bright,” said Chairwoman Falk.

New Board members are:

- Dr. Anne Kress, Northern Virginia Community College;
- Dr. Greg Washington, George Mason University;
- Dr. Tim Sands, Virginia Tech;
- Jeff Bentley, NW Federal Credit Union;
- Jeff Rubery, EagleBank;
- Joe Meyer, Shelter House;
- John Micale, USI Insurance Services;
- Judith Kassel, Saul Ewing, Arnstein, & Lehr, LLP;
- Meredith Pilaro, BDO USA, LLP;
- Michael Cardaci, HRTec;



- Mike Forehand, Inova Health System;
- Mike Niggel, ACT I;
- Mona Birchfield, CLA;
- Monica Schmude, Cigna;
- Ruth Ann Clark, JPMorgan Chase & Co.;
- Scott Price, Dominion;
- Tamara Jack, LMI;
- Tamika Tremaglio, Deloitte LLP;
- Telly Tucker, Arlington Economic Development;
- Tim Gillis, KPMG; and
- Usha Chaudhary, The Mitre Corporation.

“Throughout our search we stressed the importance of maintaining a Board that represents our broad and diverse community. The result of our thoughtful and intentional efforts is this exciting and impressive group of professionals,” said Luanne Gutermuth, who served as Chair of the Chamber’s Nominating Committee. A complete Board listing can be found [here](#).

The Good Business Awards also honored regional businesses for their contributions to the community. The 2020 Greater Washington Good Business Awards Winners are:

- Business of the Year: Great American Restaurants
- Nonprofit of the Year: PenFed Foundation
- Lifetime Achievement Award: Anne Holton

“Thank you specifically to the Chamber and Northern Virginia for your welcome to me and my roll as President this Year, and for your embrace of George Mason University,” said Holton.

You may view the broadcast of the full event [here](#).

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About the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce

Originally founded in 1925 as a Fairfax county-focused business advocacy organization, the Northern Virginia Chamber has grown into region's largest Chamber of Commerce, drawing members and impacting policy across the Greater Washington D.C. Metropolitan Region. Today, 700 members strong, representing close to 500,000 employees, the diversity of our community is one of our greatest assets, offering opportunities to learn from one another and form personal connections that help guide lasting business growth.

NOVA’s goal is to be considered not only a business partner but also an agent of change for our members. We do this through our work in government advocacy, education through events and programs, networking, promotion of member businesses, and recognition through awards. We are proud to have worked together over these many years to build a meaningful association that enriches our community and look forward to continuing that good work.

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