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## Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce honors Regional leaders, installs new Board of Directors and officers at their Annual Members' Meeting

*Deb Gandy, Chevy Chase Trust, inducted as Board Chairman; Senate Leader Dick Saslaw and Senator Janet Howell honored with Lifetime Achievement Awards*

**Tysons, Virginia** – Today, the [Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce](#) (Chamber) held its [Annual Members' Meeting](#), bringing together its members and leadership for the Region's most significant networking opportunity. The event welcomed 2023-2024 Chairman **Deb Gandy, Chevy Chase Trust**, along with the appointment of eight new members to its [Board of Directors](#) and new Officers, effective July 1, 2023. The event additionally inducted 26 members to the 2023 [NOVA Chamber Honors](#) class.

The Chamber recognized **Senate Leader Richard L. Saslaw** and **Senator Jane Howell** as its **Lifetime Achievement Award Honorees** for their efforts that have benefited the business community within the Region and Commonwealth. The Awards also honored Regional leaders for their impact on the Northern Virginia business community.

The **2023 Impact Awards Honorees** are:

- *Impact Award for Workforce Innovation:* **Virginia Secretary of Labor Bryan Slater**
- *Impact Award for Regional Leadership:* **Tim Gillis**, Managing Partner at **KPMG**
- *Impact Award for DEI:* The inaugural **Chamber DEI Task Force (Nathan Carter, Northern Virginia Community College, Laila Salguero, Peraton, Stephanie Turner, Mitre, and Dawnita Wilson, WETA)**

“At their heart, the Chamber’s Lifetime Achievement Awards and Impact Awards represent excellence: excellence not only in business, but also as people who devote themselves to helping others. Beyond their considerable achievements, each of our Honorees has impacted our region for the better through their initiatives and work. It is due to their efforts that we continue to advance a better, stronger Greater Washington Region,” said **Julie Coons**, Chamber President and CEO.

Gandy will serve as the Board’s Chairman for 2023-2024, assuming the position from outgoing Chairman **Matt McQueen, Peraton**. The 2023-2024 **Board of Directors Officers** are:

- *Chairman:* Deb Gandy, Managing Director, Chevy Chase Trust
- *Vice Chairman:* **Mark Carrier**, President, **B. F. Saul Company Hospitality Group**
- *Secretary:* **Richard Pineda**, President & CEO, **CALIBRE Systems, Inc.**



- *Treasurer:* **Jeff Rubery**, 1st SVP, Market Executive, **Eagle Bank**
- *Immediate Past Chairman:* Matt McQueen, Chief Communications and Engagement Officer, Peraton

The Chamber also welcomed its 2023-2024 Board member class which was selected through a nominating committee and elected and ratified by the Chamber's membership. New Board members are:

- **Suzan Cengiz**, Chief Performance Officer, **LMI**
- **Lee DeLong**, CEO, CapitalGroup, **Clark Construction Group, LLC**
- **Dimitri Devieux**, CEO - MidAtlantic Region, **USI Insurance Services, LLC**
- **Kendall Holbrook**, CEO, **Dev Technology Group**
- **Chris Lane**, President & CEO, **VHC Health**
- **Charlene MacDonald**, SVP, Chief Government Affairs Officer, **CareFirst**
- **Derrick Perkins**, SVP, Market Executive for DC, **Bank of America**
- **Brooke Weddle**, Partner, **McKinsey and Company**

"The Chamber board and executive committee are comprised of as dynamic a group of business leaders as you'll find in any major market in this country. With their participation, I am confident in the Chamber's ability to excel in business advocacy, peer to peer exchange, thought leadership, and as such, the Chamber's regional impact will be more significant this time next year, than it is today," said Gandy.

NOVA Chamber Honors recognizes outstanding leaders who have served the greater Northern Virginia business community through their Chamber service. The 2023 NOVA Chamber Honors Inductees are:

- **Mona Birchfield**
- **Scott Brezler**
- **Alex Castelli**
- **Robert Eisiminger**
- **Steve Gladis**
- **David Guernsey**
- **Lovey Hammel**
- **Todd House**
- **Tamara Jack**
- **Robert Kipps**
- **Stephanie Landrum**
- **Cathy Lange**
- **Lorraine Lavet**
- **Len Lewan**
- **Sam Maness**
- **Joe Meyer**
- **John Micale**
- **Bud Morrissette**
- **Phil Panzarella**
- **Rebecca Parker**



- **Kevin Reynolds**
- **KayAnn Schoeneman**
- **Julie Simmons**
- **David Skiles**
- **Christina Winn**
- **Sheila Yosufy**

A complete Board listing can be found [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 the Region's largest Chamber of Commerce, drawing members and impacting policy across the Greater Washington Region. Today, 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.

The Chamber'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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