



## Madeleine Lubar elected MIAD Board Chair

New officers, members elected; Creativity Series announced

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PRESS RELEASE

**MILWAUKEE...** The Board of Trustees has elected Madeleine Kelly Lubar as Board Chair to serve on behalf of the Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design, Wisconsin's only independent, non-profit four-year college of art and design, under the leadership of President Neil Hoffman. New officers and three new trustees were also elected.

Lubar, **of Fox Point**, is a former practicing attorney and community volunteer in the arts and education who previously served as MIAD's Vice Chair and was co-founding chair, with her husband David, of the college's signature fundraising event – Creative Fusion. A trustee since 2006, she has served on the Academic Affairs Committee, and “has played a pivotal role in shaping the college's academic and cultural programs,” said Hoffman.

“MIAD is one of Milwaukee's great treasures,” said Lubar, “and I have seen firsthand the extent to which the college's students and graduates enrich our creative and business communities. As artists and designers, our students develop new ways of viewing the world, expressing ideas and solving problems. I look forward to partnering with Neil Hoffman, the board and the college community to continue MIAD's academic excellence and introduce more members of the Milwaukee community to the vibrant resource that is MIAD.”

Through her vision, the college has announced the MIAD Creativity Series, founded by Lubar and her husband, David ([see second release](#)).

Joining Lubar as *new* board officers are:

- **Robert Mikulay (Whitefish Bay), Vice Chair** – Retired Executive Vice President of Marketing, Miller Brewing, and community volunteer, who has been a MIAD trustee since 2006
- **Paul Tonnesen (Verona), Secretary** – President, Fiskars Americas, and also *a newly elected trustee*
- **Jason W. Allen (Fox Point), Treasurer** – Partner, Foley & Lardner, and a MIAD trustee since 2008

In addition to Tonnesen, the newly elected trustees are:

- **Matt Rinka (Shorewood)**, AIA, NCARB, Principal, Rinka Chung Architecture Inc
- **Jim Wiemer (Fox Point)**, IDSA, MIAD alumnus, VP of Creative & Marketing Strategies, DCI Marketing

Also serving on MIAD's board: Jerry Benjamin, Judy Guten, Robert Joseph, Matt Levatich, Linda Marcus, Michelle Mason, Larry Moon, Jill Morin, Justin L. Mortara, Andrea Schloemer, Robert T. Schwartz (FIDSA), Scott Schwebel, alumnus Jeremy Shamrowicz, Randy Strauss, Deanna L. Tillisch, Allen W. (Sandy) Williams, Jr., (past Board Chair) and Thomas B. Wilson III. Jill Sebastian is Faculty Representative, Lila Aryan is Alumni Representative and Stefanie Davis '13 is Student Representative.

MIAD is Wisconsin's only independent, non-profit college of art and design offering the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree – the most highly regarded undergraduate degree in the visual arts that is accredited at the national, regional and state levels. The college's graduates are creative thinkers whose leadership skills make them uniquely suited to address our 21<sup>st</sup>-century economic and societal challenges.