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## **ARTS & BUSINESS COUNCIL OF GREATER PHILADELPHIA APPOINTS FIVE NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

**PHILADELPHIA, PA – March 10, 2009** – The Arts & Business Council of Greater Philadelphia is pleased to announce the appointment of four prominent business leaders to its board of directors: **Jeffrey L. Ferro**, CPA, chief operating officer/principal in charge, Philadelphia Region for Parente Randolph; **Ronald B. Matthew, Jr.**, Greater Philadelphia market president for TD Bank (formerly Commerce Bank); **Mollie A McEnteer**, director for Duane Morris Government Affairs in both its Philadelphia and Harrisburg offices; **Kenneth Shear**, executive director of the Philadelphia Bar Association; and **Ahmeenah Young**, president and chief executive officer of the Pennsylvania Convention Center Authority.

“We are thrilled to welcome such notable leaders in the business community to our board,” said Stephen S. Aichele, Esq. chair of the Arts & Business Council board. “Their extensive knowledge of the region will be invaluable to the Council.”

Jeff Ferro has 25 years’ experience in public accounting. He serves on the executive committee of Parente Randolph and his responsibilities include oversight of firm-wide operations in accounting, auditing and tax practices with specific focus on the Philadelphia region. Prior to assuming his current management responsibilities, his focus was in the healthcare industry, especially senior living services. He earned a bachelor’s degree in accounting from Pennsylvania State University and has supplemented his education with a variety of continuing education courses.

Ron Matthew has 19 years’ experience with Commerce Bank, now known as TD Bank. He has held a variety of positions, including several in the bank’s lending departments. Before being promoted to greater Philadelphia market president, Matthew served as the regional vice president in Atlantic and Cape May Counties, helping to orchestrate substantial deposit growth that exceeded \$1.2 billion. That gave Commerce Bank the No. 1 combined market share of deposits in those counties. He has served as a board member of the Greater Atlantic County Chamber of Commerce since 2000 and is a member of the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce. He holds a bachelor’s in economics from Ursinus College.

Mollie McEnteer, with 20 years’ public affairs experience, is a director for Duane Morris Government Affairs in both its Harrisburg and Philadelphia offices. She works closely with state and local officials and also represents and actively participates with coalitions and organizations, advocating key issues involving local government, tourism, transportation, health care and social services. She is the former deputy director of Governor Tom Ridge’s southeastern regional office and has served in a number of marketing and public affairs positions in Philadelphia and Harrisburg. McEnteer received her bachelor’s degree in communications from Clarion University of Pennsylvania.

Kenneth Shear is executive director of the Philadelphia Bar Association. With service to the association spanning 32 years, he has day-to-day responsibility for the operating budgets and other bar-supervised projects, totaling close to \$6 million. He sits on the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, serving on its Homeland Security Committee, and is a member of a number of city and civic association boards. He has a bachelor’s degree in liberal arts and a master’s in political science from Temple University. He received a fellowship with the Committee of 70 and subsequently served as a management analyst in Philadelphia’s office of the managing director, then as assistant director of the Citizen’s Crime Commission.

Ahmeenah Young, with a long and distinguished career in tourism and hospitality, is president and CEO of the Pennsylvania Convention Center Authority. She is overseeing completion of a \$700 million-plus expansion project that will increase the center’s size to over one million square feet, significantly impacting the economy of the state and region. She also oversees day-to-day activities including facilities management, marketing, public relations and customer service. Additionally, she is the key liaison to local, regional and state legislative bodies, the Philadelphia Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Greater Philadelphia Hotel Association and other industry and community non-governmental agencies and organizations. She rose through the ranks at PCCA and was executive vice president and general manager, prior to assuming the helm.

**About the Arts & Business Council of Greater Philadelphia**

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