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ARTS & BUSINESS COUNCIL OF GREATER PHILADELPHIA ANNOUNCES NEW MEMBERS TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PHILADELPHIA, PA – September 15, 2008 – The Arts & Business Council of Greater Philadelphia is pleased to announce the appointment of Bob Cooney, Jeffrey Fuller, Marsha Moss and Kenneth Shear to its board of directors.

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

Bob Cooney, a partner in **Morgan Lewis's Real Estate Group**, has represented clients in acquisitions and dispositions, commercial leasing, build-to-suit projects, joint ventures, and financings, including structured finance transactions. Mr. Cooney also collaborates regularly with the Private Investment Funds Practice in connection with real estate fund formation and investments into real estate funds.

Active in the pro bono community, Mr. Cooney is a board member and pro bono counsel to the Chester Community Improvement Project, a non-profit housing developer. He also handles pro bono real estate matters and is a board member for Philadelphia's Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts, an affiliate of the Council. He is also a former member of the Executive Board of the Real Property Section of the Philadelphia Bar Association and a lecturer for the Pennsylvania Bar Institute.

Jeffrey Fuller became director at Fuller's Fine Art Auctions in 2007 and has been president at the fine arts auction house **Jeffrey Fuller Fine Art, Ltd.** since 1979.

Jeffrey has been the Accredited Senior Appraiser in Personal Property and Fine Arts for the American Society of Appraisers since 1984, and was recertified four times, the last of which occurred 2005. Since 1999, he has participated as a Committee and Board member for the Senior Arts Initiative, which works with senior artists in understanding the need for and process of developing programs that recognize senior artists. He also served as a member, treasurer, and president of the Philadelphia Art Dealers Association until 1994. Additionally, he worked with the Philadelphia Art Alliance as a board member and Philadelphia Visual Arts Consortium.

Public Art is at the center of **Marsha Moss'** professional work. She is interested in the ideas and energy that art can bring to the public life of the city. As **Director of Sculpture Outdoors**, Moss has curated over fifty exhibitions on public sites in the past 30 years. She has also served on the Mayor's Arts and Culture Advisory Council, and founded The Artfront Partnership. She has also served as Public Art Consultant to corporations, universities, the Redevelopment Authority, municipal Percent for Art Programs and The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. Currently, her focus is SEPTA's Art in Transit Program. Moss says, “When the arts are a part of the public life, lives are richer, more productive and more humane.”

Beginning his 32nd year of service with the **Philadelphia Bar Association**, **Kenneth Shear**, chief operating officer, works closely with Bar leaders to provide advice and counsel and is responsible for fiscal and personnel control of the Association.

Ken graduated from Temple University with a B.A. in Liberal Arts and a Master's Degree in Political Science. He received a fellowship with the Committee of 70, and served as a Management Analyst in the office of the Managing Director of the City of

Philadelphia from 1969 to 1971. He served as Assistant Director of the Citizens' Crime Commission from 1971 to 1976. He is a member of the National Association of Bar Executives, the American Society of Public Administration and the American Society of Association Executives. Ken was appointed by Governor Edward G. Rendell to a seat on the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency and serves on its Homeland Security Committee. He serves on numerous city and civic associations and boards.

About the Arts & Business Council of Greater Philadelphia

The Arts & Business Council of Greater Philadelphia helps drive the vitality and economic development of the Greater Philadelphia region by strengthening the partnership between business and the arts and cultural community. Since its inception in 1981, the Arts & Business Council has partnered with the business sector to generate more than \$28 million in contributed goods and services for the region's arts and cultural institutions and has trained and placed more than 2,000 business professionals in a variety of leadership roles within cultural organizations. For more information, www.artsandbusinessphila.org or 215.790.3620.

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