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Science World Announces Interim CEO And Six New Board Members To Join Team
New Members To Help Organization Expand STEAM-Learning Throughout The Province

Vancouver, BC, August 13, 2019 — Science World is thrilled to announce its interim CEO, Janet Wood, starting September 24, 2019. Janet is a highly respected and seasoned leader who has held notable executive positions at SAP, Business Objects, Crystal Decisions, and IBM. She will be acting CEO while the organization continues its search to fill the full-time role. Science World also announced six new board members who will join the organization.

Janet and the new board members were selected to continue to drive Science World's mission to expand STEAM-learning (science, technology, engineering, arts & design and math) throughout the province of British Columbia. They will do this through partnerships with government, other non-profits, K through 12, higher education, and businesses ultimately setting the next generation up with the skills they will need to succeed in the workforce of tomorrow.

"I'm thrilled to join Science World as its interim CEO," said Janet Wood, incoming CEO. "The organization has such an exciting future ahead of it with plans to dramatically scale STEAM-learning across the province by connecting students with mentors, resources and technology so that all youth have equal access to develop STEAM-based skills. This encourages those in underserved categories to foster and develop a passion for STEAM-based learning. I couldn't be more proud to help the organization realize this vision."

The board of directors is responsible for the direction and performance of Science World and for setting its governing policies--policies of mission, activity, and general operating conditions. Board members are recruited based on their expertise, profession, diversity, and connections that align with moving the organization's mission forward. This group will join 12 other members to create a combined board of 18 and will serve for up to seven years.

"We're looking forward to having Janet Wood work alongside our diverse group of board members on this exciting new chapter." said Launi Skinner, Board President. "Janet is known for her strengths in leadership development, promoting diversity, fostering a culture of open & ongoing feedback, and attracting and retaining top talent, something the board felt is a high-priority during this transitional time."

New Board Members include:

Cybele Negris, CEO, Webnames.ca

Cybele has been an advocate for encouraging & welcoming more girls and youth into technology fields for two decades, serving as President of Wired Woman in the early 2000s, offering education, mentorship and networking opportunities for females aspiring to start careers in technology. She has continued her passion for the technology sector through service to a variety of Boards and councils including the Science World Advisory Council.

Gail Murphy, Vice President Research & Innovation, UBC

Gail C. Murphy is a Professor of Computer Science and Vice-President Research and Innovation at the University of British Columbia. A Fellow of both the Royal Society of Canada and the Association for Computing Machinery. She is co-founder, board member and former Chief Scientist at Tasktop Technologies Incorporated. She holds a B.Sc. from UAlberta (1987), later pursuing graduate studies in computer science at UWashington, earning a M.Sc. (1994) and a Ph.D. (1996) before joining UBC.

James Dean, CEO, Core Energy Recovery Solutions

James has always had a keen interest in science, engineering, and technology beginning as a young boy where he spent many days exploring the Ontario Science Centre, studying engineering, and becoming an entrepreneur & CEO of two clean energy technology companies. His passion now lies in building science & net zero energy homes.

Keith Spencer, Partner, Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP

Keith is interested in the intersection of childhood education and science & technology. He is a leading information technology lawyer in British Columbia. As Co-Leader of the firm's Start-Up & Emerging Company Services group, he provides expert advice to start-up and mature private technology companies. A member of various boards and advisory committees, Keith plays a significant role in a number of early stage and emerging technology companies, and technology industry associations.

Manny Padda, Founder, New Avenue Capital

New Avenue Capital (NAC) is a private family office that brings together financial, human and impact capital for high-growth companies. Prior to founding NAC, Manny was a self-made entrepreneur, building his first multimillion-dollar company, PM Search Partners, by age 26. He made the leap from executive search to investment and currently manages a portfolio of 40+ companies in technology, manufacturing, mining, and real estate. As a philanthropist, Manny is passionate about mentorship and education with a goal of educating 1 million children.

Nolan Charles, Councillor, Musqueam Indian Band

Nolan is the Councillor of the Musqueam Indian Band, having held the role for the past 22 years. He has played an active role on council committees dealing with substantive treaty, lands, and finance issues. He is currently employed with BC Hydro and also serves as a Director for the Musqueam Capital Corporation, the Fraser River Discovery Center, and previously the Fraser Basin Council. He has been involved in policy analysis and negotiations for the private sector that has resulted in joint venture projects with first nation communities.

Janet Wood, incoming CEO

Janet Wood, a highly respected and seasoned leader who has held notable executive positions at SAP, Business Objects, Crystal Decisions, and IBM. She is known for her strengths in leadership development, promoting diversity, fostering a culture of open & ongoing feedback, and attracting and retaining top talent. Janet is active in her community as a partner in BC Social Venture Partners, a not-for-profit organization that supports children and families at risk in BC. She also holds board positions on ICBC and Junior Achievement BC.

About Science World

Science World is a BC-based charitable organization that engages the people of British Columbia in STEAM literacy (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Design, Math). Their mission is to ignite wonder and empower dreams through science and nature. Their vision is that within a generation, Canada will be a country of thriving, sustainable communities rooted in science, innovation and a deep connection to nature.

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