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Metropolitan Affairs Coalition elects officers and board members

Deborah I. Dingell, vice chair, GM Foundation and executive director, Public Affairs & Community Relations, General Motors Corporation, was elected chairperson of the Metropolitan Affairs Coalition at its December Board of Directors meeting.

Elected vice chairpersons were:

- **Mary Blackmon**, treasurer, Wayne RESA Board of Education and chair, SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments;
- **Mary Kramer**, publisher, Crain's Detroit Business;
- **James M. Garavaglia**, senior vice president, Corporate Compliance and Public Affairs Department, Comerica, Inc.;
- **Juliette Okotie-Eboh**, senior vice president, Community Affairs & Administration, MGM Grand Detroit;
- **Charlie Pryde**, director, Michigan State & Local Government Affairs, Ford Motor Company;
- **Rex E. Schlaybaugh, Jr.**, chairman and chief executive officer, Dykema; and
- **John W. Stroh, III**, chairman & chief executive officer, The Stroh Companies, Inc.

Lizabeth Ardisana, chief executive officer, ACG Renaissance, was elected treasurer; **Thomas W.B. Porter**, executive vice president, Barton Malow Company, was elected secretary; and **Thomas W. Linn**, chairman emeritus, Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, PLC, was elected Immediate Past Chair.

Board members re-elected to three year terms include:

- **Darrell Burks**, partner, Private Company Services, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP;
- **Frederick W. Hoffman**, Chrysler LLC (retired);
- **Marilyn French Hubbard**, corporate vice president and chief diversity officer, Community Partnerships, Henry Ford Health System;
- **Mark A. Johnson**, senior vice president, Business Development & Revenue Management, Beaumont Hospitals;
- **Mary Kramer**, publisher, Crain's Detroit Business;
- **Mark R. Lezotte**, general counsel, Oakwood Healthcare, Inc.;
- **Daniel Little**, chancellor, University of Michigan-Dearborn;
- **Charlie Pryde**, director, Michigan State & Local Government Affairs, Ford Motor Company; and
- **Adam Rujan**, partner, Plante & Moran, PLLC.

Newly elected to the Board is **Robert Hison**, mayor of St. Clair Shores, and first vice chair of SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

Metropolitan Affairs Coalition (MAC) is a regional public-private partnership dedicated to enhancing the quality of life and economic vitality of Southeast Michigan. The organization encourages and promotes regional cooperation and develops collaborative relationships with community, government, and private sector partners. Its focus on public policy, advocacy, and demonstration projects – centered around three critical issues: infrastructure, environment, and economic revitalization – creates opportunity and enhances the region's image as a good place to live, work, and do business.

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