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Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce honors regional leaders and businesses, installs new Board of Directors and officers at the annual Greater Washington Good Business Awards

Luanne Gutermuth, LSG Solutions LLC, inducted as Board Chairman; Cathy Lange, Human Capital Advisors LLC and Stu Mendelsohn, Holland & Knight LLP, honored with Lifetime Achievement Awards

Tysons Corner, Virginia – Today, the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce held its annual Greater Washington Good Business Awards honoring and celebrating the leadership of individuals, businesses, and nonprofits that serve as powerful champions for good in our community. The event welcomed 2021-2022 Chairman Luanne Gutermuth, along with the appointment of 12 new members to its Board of Directors and new officers, effective July 1, 2021.

The Greater Washington Good Business Awards recognized Cathy Lange, Partner, Human Capital Advisors and Stu Mendelsohn, Executive Partner, Holland and Knight, LLC with Lifetime Achievement Awards for their business leadership and community support within the region and Commonwealth.

According to Lange, "It is an honor to have been selected as one of this year's Lifetime Achievement winners. Our Northern Virginia community holds a special place in my heart and to have spent my career in its support and advancement has been a passion, not a job. I thank all those who have helped me achieve any successes and bolstered me in my pursuits."

The Good Business Awards also honored regional organizations for their contributions to the community. The 2021 Greater Washington Good Business Awards Winners are:

- Good Business of the Year: Hogan Lovells, accepted by Carine Stoick, Office Managing Partner
- Good Nonprofit of the Year: Kaiser Permanente, accepted by Ruth Williams-Brinkley, Regional President, Mid-Atlantic States

"Receiving recognition for my life's work is an incredible honor and I am deeply humbled by the Chamber's award. Working within our Northern Virginia business community has given me the opportunity to assist the Chamber and have a huge impact on the success of this region. It has been a fulfilling pursuit and a highlight of my career," said Mendelsohn.



Luanne Gutermuth, LSG Solutions LLC, will serve as the Board's Chairman for 2021-2022, assuming the position from outgoing Chairman Kathryn Falk, Cox Communications. The other **officers of the Executive Committee** are:

- Matt McQueen, Peraton, Vice Chairman;
- Deb Gandy, Chevy Chase Trust, Secretary;
- Susan Moser, Cherry Bekaert LLP, Treasurer; and
- Judith Kassel, Saul Ewing, Arnstein, & Lehr, LLP, General Counsel
- Kathryn Falk, Cox Communications, Immediate Past Chairman.

The Chamber also welcomed its 2021-2022 Board member class which was selected through a Nominating Committee.

New Board members are:

- John A. Allen, Region Bank President, Wells Fargo
- Stephanie Berkowitz, President & CEO, Northern Virginia Family Service
- Robert Eisiminger, Member, Board of Directors, Johnny Mac Soldiers Fund
- Molly Fogarty, Senior Vice President Corporate & Government Affairs, Nestlé USA
- Paul Misener, Vice President, Global Innovation Policy and Communications, Amazon
- Timmy Norton, Executive Chef, Great American Restaurants
- Janet Osborn, Resident Managing Director, AON Corporation
- Kelly Schlageter, Senior Vice President, Chief Marketing Officer, CNSI
- Jeffrey Schragg, Founder, Newton Grange Consulting
- Maria Harris Tildon, Executive Vice President, Public Policy & Government Affairs, CareFirst
- Stephanie Turner, Vice President, Inclusion, Diversity & Social Innovation, MITRE
- Ruth Williams-Brinkley, Regional President Mid-Atlantic States, Kaiser Permanente

"Throughout our search, we stressed the importance of maintaining a Board that represents our broad and diverse community. The result of our thoughtful and intentional efforts is this exciting and impressive group of professionals," said Gutermuth.

A complete Board listing can be found here.

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About the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce

Originally founded in 1925 as a Fairfax county-focused business advocacy organization, the Northern Virginia Chamber has grown into region's largest Chamber of Commerce, drawing members and im-



pacting policy across the Greater Washington D.C. Metropolitan Region. Today, representing close to 500,000 employees, the diversity of our community is one of our greatest assets, offering opportunities to learn from one another and form personal connections that help guide lasting business growth.

The Chamber's goal is to be considered not only a business partner but also an agent of change for our members. We do this through our work in government advocacy, education through events and programs, networking, promotion of member businesses, and recognition through awards. We are proud to have worked together over these many years to build a meaningful association that enriches our community and look forward to continuing that good work.

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