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Preservation League Announces New Trustees

Residents of New York, Westchester and Washington Counties join class of 2012

ALBANY, June 17, 2009 – The Preservation League of New York State is proud to welcome five new members to its board of trustees, class of 2012.

Jan C.K. Anderson is the founder and president of RESTORE. Founded in 1976, the not-for-profit educational corporation delivers a range of innovative educational programs related to building conservation and preservation technology. RESTORE is oriented to design professionals, craftworkers, cultural resource managers, conservators and to all those associated with the art and science of building conservation. Ms. Anderson is a graduate of the Columbia University Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation, where she also served as an adjunct professor.

Scott Duenow, AIA, Senior Associate, at Platt Byard Dovell White Architects, LLP specializes in the restoration, preservation, renovation and adaptive reuse of historic buildings. He is a registered architect in New York and Wisconsin and belongs to the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards, American Institute of Architects and others. He has worked on such major projects as Ellis Island, Grand Central and the U.S. Supreme Court, as well as smaller projects including the Louis Armstrong and Walt Whitman house museums. Mr. Duenow is currently involved with the restoration of the Seventh Regiment Armory and renovations of the New-York Historical Society in Manhattan.

Gerald A. Holbrook is a founding partner of Taconic Builders Inc. Taconic manages the building and renovation of high-end private residences and specialty commercial projects in and around New York City, Seattle and Santa Barbara. Prior to founding TBI, Mr. Holbrook worked in the film and video production business. Mr. Holbrook is a member of the Institute for Classical Architecture and Classical America and serves as a guest lecturer at the New York School of Interior Design. Currently he serves on the board of The Children's Dream Foundation.

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Dede B. Nash, LEED, AP, has a longstanding commitment to historic preservation. With a Master of Science in Historic Preservation from Columbia University Graduate School of Architecture, Preservation & Planning, she also holds a Bachelor of Architecture from the University of Oregon School of Architecture and Allied Arts. Ms. Nash is a Specification Writer at Einhorn Yaffee Prescott Architects & Engineers. Previously, she was the owner of Preservation Specs Group, and served as the Mayor of Village of Cambridge from 2006 - 2009.

Gregory O'Connell believes that preserving the historical character of a neighborhood will improve the quality of life for all its residents. He has been a real estate developer in Brooklyn, New York for over 35 years and currently manages the O'Connell Organization, a residential and commercial real estate partnership. His primary focus is redeveloping, constructing, and managing residential, commercial, and 19th century warehouses in Red Hook, Brooklyn. One of the restored structures, called the Brooklyn Clay Retort on Van Dyke Street was the first landmark building designated in Red Hook.

“Trustees of the Preservation League serve three-year terms as volunteers, and bring a wide range of experience, skills and knowledge to our board,” said Jay DiLorenzo, President. Founded in 1974, the Preservation League is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the protection of New York’s diverse and rich heritage of historic buildings, districts and landscapes. From its headquarters in Albany, it provides a unified voice for historic preservation. By leading a statewide movement and sharing information and expertise, the Preservation League of New York State promotes historic preservation as a tool to revitalize the Empire State’s neighborhoods and communities.