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BC Museums Association welcomes new Councilors and Executive Director

OCTOBER 26, 2016 (Victoria, BC): The BC Museums Association (BCMA) elected new Executive and Council members and introduced a new Executive Director during the Association's Annual General Meeting, held in Whistler on October 14, 2016.

Royal BC Museum Head of Archives, Access & Digital, **David Alexander**, returns as President for the coming year, joined by University of Victoria Cultural Resource Management Programs Director, **Tania Muir** as Vice President, Gulf of Georgia Cannery National Historic Site Executive Director **Rebecca Clarke** as Treasurer, and Kelowna Art Gallery Executive Director, **Nataley Nagy** as Secretary. Robert Bateman Centre Managing Director, **Peter Ord** continues as Past President.

Rosland Museum Director, **Joelle Hodgins**, Nuyumbalees Cultural Centre Executive Director, **Jodi Simkin**, Beaty Biodiversity Museum Administrative Manager, **Catherine Ouellet-Martin**, UBC Professor Emerita **Kit Grauer**, Vice President, Board of the Nuyumbalees Cultural Centre, **Daniel Smith**, and lawyer **Danielle Lemon** are elected to Council. They join Haida Gwaii Museum Executive Director **Scott Marsden** and NGX Interactive Producer **Hanna Cho**, who continue their terms of office.

Erica Mattson was welcomed as the Association's new Executive Director. She has a wealth of experience in the cultural sector and has held roles with Calgary Arts Development, Victoria Symphony, the City of Vancouver and, most recently, the Province of BC. Mattson and the BCMA's 2016-17 Council will continue the revitalization and invigoration of the Association through its 60th anniversary year in 2017.

Founded in 1957, the British Columbia Museums Association creates a bright future for BC's museums, galleries and related communities through networking, advocacy, innovation, and professional development. For more information about the BCMA visit www.museumsassn.bc.ca.

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