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BUFFALO SOCIETY OF NATURAL SCIENCES ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD MEMBERS

BUFFALO, NY (March 24, 2009) -- The Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences held its Annual Meeting on Friday, March 20 at the Buffalo Museum of Science at which it announced its **2009-10 Board of Managers**.

Sundra L. Ryce, President and CEO of SLR Contracting & Service Company, Inc., will begin her first three-year term as a new Board Member and **Jessica R. Brown, CPA**, Tax Accountant Supervisor at Gaines Kriner Elliott, LLP has been appointed by Mayor Byron Brown as the City's representative.

Elected to serve another year as Officers of the Board of Managers are:

Chairman

Randall E. Burkard, Business Entrepreneur

Vice Chairman

Jay Hennig, President, Moog Space and Defense Group

Treasurer

John W. McClure, Ph.D. , Senior Trader, Maple Financial Group

Secretary

Morgan L. Jones, Jr. B.M.E., M.S., J.D., Partner, Seaman, Jones, Hogan & Brooks, LLP.

Newly elected Officers of the Board of Managers include:

Assistant Treasurer

Ronald A. Krukowski, Operations Manager and Senior Project Executive, Turner Construction Company

Executive Secretary

Laurie Dann, Community Volunteer Leader

The Society awarded **Bob Semrau** with its *Volunteer of the Year* award for over 20 years of dedication service and support to the Society's mission.

About Sundra L. Ryce

Sundra L. Ryce is the President and CEO of SLR Contracting & Service Company, Inc., a general construction company

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headquartered in Buffalo, New York. Born in Buffalo, Ryce received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Studies from the State University of New York College at Buffalo and Master of Science degree from Medaille College. Ryce also serves as Trustee on the following boards: Buffalo Niagara Partnership, Great Lakes Health, Western New York Public Broadcasting Association, Buffalo State College Foundation, and the Buffalo Urban Development Corporation.

Ryce is an ordained minister and professional speaker who shares her vision, creativity and business acumen through keynote addresses and seminars. She has received numerous awards and recognition, which includes *Small Business Champion of the Year* of 2008 by the Small Business Administration.

About Jessica Brown, CPA

Ms. Brown is a Tax Accountant Supervisor at Gaines Kriner Elliott, LLP in Buffalo, New York. She received her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the State University of New York at Buffalo. Brown is a member of the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants, the University at Buffalo School of Management Annual Tax Institute Planning Committee, and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. She also volunteers regularly for AIDS Community Services of Western New York.

About Bob Semrau

Semrau is a former Research Chemist that has, and continues, to volunteer at various organizations and cultural institutions. He has volunteered for the Society for well over 20 years participating yearly in the museum's Paleontological Dig in Genesee County, New York, and as often as he is able in the Parson's Montana Dig. Semrau is an integral part of the Buffalo Museum of Science's Center for Science Learning and regularly assists with student and adult tours and workshops, student theme days, teacher professional development, scout programs, and special events at both the Museum and Tiff Nature Preserve. He also volunteers for the Buffalo and Erie County Naval and Military Park, WNY Public Broadcasting, and Nature Edventures.

The Buffalo Museum of Science is the non-profit educational institution dedicated to the study and interpretation of the natural and physical sciences. Its extensive collections of over 600,000 specimens and artifacts represent all facets of the natural world with an emphasis on Western New York as well as man-made objects spanning the globe. Based at 1020 Humboldt Parkway and anchoring Buffalo's East Side in Olmsted-designed Martin Luther King, Jr. Park since 1929, the Museum presents a wide variety of programs and services for children, teachers, families, adults, and community organizations throughout each year. General admission to the Museum is \$7 adults; \$6 seniors (age 62+); \$5 students and children over 3; and free for members and children under 3. The Museum also operates Tiff Nature Preserve in South Buffalo, a 264-acre urban wetland preserve on reclaimed former industrial land; The Elmwood Science Spot, a satellite studio of the Buffalo Museum of Science located in the heart of the Elmwood Village; and seasonally sponsors archaeological exploration at the Hiscock Site in nearby Genesee County, NY, one of North America's richest Ice Age sites.

For further information on the Museum and its upcoming activities, call 716-896-5200 or visit www.buffalomuseumofscience.org.

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