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## **Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art Appoints Henry R. Martin 30th President of the Board of Trustees**

Henry R. Martin has been named the 30th President of the Board of Trustees at the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art. Martin was officially voted in by the Boards of Electors and Trustees at the museum's Annual Meeting Tuesday night. Martin succeeds David W. Dangremond—who led the museum for four years during the particularly challenging era of renovation—in the role of President.

“I am honored to serve the Wadsworth Atheneum as President of the Board of Trustees, following in the footsteps of so many great friends and colleagues,” said Martin. “Coming off a triumphant renovation and reopening, it is my hope to help the museum build on its success in coming years, working with the next Director and C.E.O. as well as our dedicated trustees and talented staff to achieve that goal.”

“Hank Martin is an accomplished businessman and inspiring leader whose standards of excellence will serve the Wadsworth Atheneum well at this time,” said Dangremond. “He is the perfect person to help the museum build momentum, reach new audiences, and attract greater attention.”

Martin's first order of business as President will be the hiring of the next Director and C.E.O. of the Wadsworth Atheneum, as current Director Susan L. Talbott retires at the end of this year. Martin, along with former Board President Susan Rottner, is head of the search committee to select Talbott's successor.

Martin was born and raised in the Boston area. Now retired from his business career, he held senior positions with two Fortune 100 industrial companies earlier in his career, and acquired and developed smaller manufacturing businesses as a major equity stakeholder later in his career. Martin lives in Washington, Conn., with his wife Sharon, and together their major avocation is the study and collection of 19th century American art, as well as the collection of

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contemporary representational paintings. Their collections have been exhibited at many fine art museums across the country.

Martin's volunteer roles include Vice President and Treasurer, Finance Committee Chair, and Director Search Committee Co-Chair for the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art; Trustee Emeritus and former Treasurer for the New Britain Museum of American Art; Honorary Trustee of the Cape Cod Museum of Art; former member of the Board of Governors of the National Academy Museum and School; former member of the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Business and Industry Association; and numerous civic leadership roles in his hometown of Washington, Conn.

Martin holds an A.B. from Tufts University and an MBA from the Tuck School at Dartmouth College.

### **About the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art**

Founded in 1842, the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art is the oldest continuously operating public art museum in the United States. The museum's nearly 50,000 works of art span 5,000 years, from Greek and Roman antiquities to the first museum collection of American contemporary art. The Wadsworth Atheneum's five connected buildings—representing architectural styles from Gothic Revival to modern International Style—are located at 600 Main Street in Hartford, Conn. Hours: Wednesday – Friday: 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Admission: \$5 – 10; discounts for members, students and seniors. Free admission 4 – 5 p.m. Wednesday – Friday. Public phone: (860) 278-2670; website: [thewadsworth.org](http://thewadsworth.org).

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