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Directors and Officers Appointed to Serve on AUBER Board

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The Association for University Business and Economic Research, a professional association of leading university-based economic research centers across the U.S., has elected several new officers and directors to its board.

Bruce Kellison, the 2016-17 AUBER president and director at the Bureau of Business Research at the University of Texas, Austin, welcomed new board members and said, "AUBER's board of directors will benefit from this influx of new talent and fresh perspective from across our membership."

Kellison now moves to the past president officer position on the board and Kathy Deck, director of Community and Economic Research Partnerships at the University of Alabama Culverhouse College of Commerce, becomes AUBER 2017-18 president.

"I'm so honored to have the chance to lead AUBER and look forward to continuing our efforts supporting high quality economic research from university centers," said Deck. "For 70 years, AUBER has been the premier national organization for regional economics centers in universities, and the work we do this year will lay the foundation for the next 70 years."

AUBER board member appointments include:

- **Sean Snaith**, board member from 2015-17 and director of the Institute for Economic Competitiveness at the University of Central Florida, is now president elect.
- **John Deskins**, board member from 2015-17 and director of the Bureau of Business and Economic Research at West Virginia University, is now the vice president;
- **Eric Thompson**, director of the Bureau of Business Research at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, was elected to the board; and
- **Ben Blair**, director of the Butler Center for Business and Economic Research at Columbus State University, was elected to the board.

Leaving the board after two years of service is George Hammond, director of the Economic and Business Research Center at the University of Arizona.

Other AUBER board members include:

- **Patrick Barkey**, Secretary-Treasurer and director of the Bureau of Business and Economic Research at the University of Montana;
- **Ben McKay**, research specialist for the Bureau of Business Research and Economic Development at Georgia Southern University;
- **Ken Louie**, director of the Economic Research Institute of Erie at Penn State;
- **Timothy Slaper**, research director at the Indiana Business Research Center at Indiana University;
- **Brian Lewandowski**, associate director at the Business Research Division at the University of Colorado;
- **Jeffrey Michael**, director of the Business Forecasting Center at the University of the Pacific; and
- **Carol Rogers**, deputy director and CIO at the Indiana Business Research Center at Indiana University.

The board elections were announced at AUBER's 2017 conference held in Albuquerque, New Mexico, hosted by Lee Reynis, retired director of the Bureau of Business and Economic Research at the University of New Mexico, and Jeff Mitchell, the Bureau's current director.

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