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Great Lakes Science Center elects Steve Karklin as next chairman of the board of directors

CLEVELAND (December 10, 2019) – Great Lakes Science Center’s Board of Directors today elected board member Steve Karklin to serve as the ninth chairperson in the museum board’s history. Karklin succeeds outgoing Chairman David Peace.

“My time on the board here at the Science Center has been incredibly motivating,” said Karklin. “The STEM education programming underway right now is truly unique and inspiring, and I’m honored to be chosen to take on this leadership role in moving the needle forward on awareness in the community about all of the great things happening here.”

Karklin’s term as board chair will also oversee the ramp-up to the celebration of a significant milestone – the 25th anniversary of the institution in 2021, and the start of its next chapter as one of the jewels in the cultural fabric of Northeast Ohio.

“Steve’s passion for science, technology and entrepreneurship is readily evident,” said Science Center President & CEO Dr. Kirsten Ellenbogen. “We’re confident that as the chairmanship torch passes to Steve our board is well-positioned for continued success as we move toward our 25th anniversary.”

Karklin, of Solon, is an entrepreneur and investment manager. A native Clevelander, he grew up on the East Side and graduated from Orange High School. He earned his bachelor’s degree in marketing and an MBA in finance and marketing from Indiana University.

About Great Lakes Science Center

Great Lakes Science Center, home of the NASA Glenn Visitor Center, makes science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) come alive for more than 300,000 visitors a year through hundreds of hands-on exhibits, temporary exhibitions, the Cleveland Clinic DOME Theater, Steamship *William G. Mather*, daily science demonstrations, seasonal camps, and more. The Science Center, a 501(c)(3) non-profit institution, is funded in part by the citizens of Cuyahoga County through Cuyahoga Arts and Culture. Visit **GreatScience.com** for more information.

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