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CUYAHOGA VALLEY SCENIC RAILROAD BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTS NEW OFFICERS AND ADDS NEW MEMBERS

Peninsula, OH, January 30, 2019 – Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad’s Board of Trustees added new members and elected new officers at its recent meeting. The Board serves as the governing body of CVSR and provides management and direction for the non-profit organization.

Peter Buerling, Director, Records & Information Compliance at FirstEnergy Corp., was elected Chair. Buerling has been a member of the CVSR Board since 2006. Buerling will be joined by James Virost, Retired CFO, The Robbins Company, who will serve as Vice Chair; John C. Scott, Senior Vice President & Regional Executive for the Institutional Real Estate Group of KeyBank National Association, Treasurer; Matthew Ridings, Partner, Thompson Hine LLP, Secretary; and, Raymond Labuda, Retired Vice President, Hankook Tire Co. Ltd., Past Chairman.

Myron Vernis, Akron, Ohio and Samuel Hartwell of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, are new additions to the Board. Vernis is the retired General Manager of Glenmoor Country Club. Hartwell is a Principal of Austin Capital Partners, a small private equity practice.

“We’re excited for Myron (Vernis) and Sam (Hartwell) to join the Board,” said Buerling. “They each bring a unique skill set to the organization and we appreciate their willingness to help us continue our mission.”

Current Board members include: Chair - **Peter Buerling**, Director, Records & Information Compliance at FirstEnergy Corp.; Vice Chairman - **James Virost**, Retired CFO, The Robbins Company; Treasurer - **John C. Scott**, Senior Vice President & Regional Executive for the Institutional Real Estate Group of KeyBank National Association; Secretary - **Matthew Ridings**, Partner, Thompson Hine LLP; Past Chairman - **Raymond Labuda**, Retired Vice President, Hankook Tire Co. Ltd.; **Alex Clarke**, President of Brechbuhler Truck Sales; **Frederick Clarke**, Founder and President of FWC LLC Consulting Services; **Joey Glassco**, Global Market Manager at Lubrizol LifeScenices, Lubrizol Advanced Materials, Inc.; **Deborah Gordon**, President of Gordon Strategy Group; **Samuel S. Hartwell**, Principal of Austin Capital Partners; **Christina L. Kmetko**, Owner/President at Evergreen Consulting & Associates, LLC; **Elizabeth Loveman**, Vice President and Controller at NACCO Industries, Inc.; **George Snider**, Retired CEO of SRA International, Inc.; **Amanda Smith**, ESQ., Attorney at Kastner Westman & Wilkins; **Kevin Ubert**, Vice President of Information Technology of the Vitamix Corporation;

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Clarke Van Dyke, Senior Manager of Global Enterprise Services, The Timken Company; **Myron T. Vernis**, Retired GM of Glenmoor Country Club; **Russell Warren**, Managing Director of EdgePoint.

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About Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad

Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad (CVSR) is a private sector, not-for-profit 501(c)(3) volunteer supported organization operating in partnership with Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) and is dedicated to the preservation of passenger rail transportation in Cuyahoga Valley and the historic Ohio & Erie Canalway. CVSR has been providing excursion rail service for more than 40 years. For more information about the railroad, visit CVSR.org.

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