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TOURISM OFFICE ANNOUNCES 2012 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Vancouver, Wash. – The Vancouver USA Regional Tourism Office is pleased to announce its newly-elected directors and officers for 2012. Effective January 1, 2012, **Brian McClary**, director of operations for the Heathman Lodge, assumes the position of Board Chair. **Eric Walters**, general manager of Hilton Vancouver Washington, will be Vice Chair, and **Kari Jonassen**, general manager of Homewood Suites, will be re-elected as Secretary/Treasurer. **Gary Gouger**, owner of Gouger Cellars, **Karen Hall**, owner of the Camas Hotel, and **Ryan Ferguson**, regional operations manager at MKM Hotels, have joined the board as the newest elected directors.

The returning 2012 Board of Directors are as follows:

Jan Bader
*Program & Policy
Development Manager*
City of Vancouver

Justin Kobluk
Executive Director
Clark County Event Center

Carla Rise
General Manager
Residence Inn by Marriott

Kim Bennett
President and CEO
Vancouver USA Regional
Tourism Office

Kelly Sills
Economic Development Manager
Clark County

Elson Strahan
President and CEO
Fort Vancouver National Trust

Alison Hite
General Manager
Springhill Suites by Marriott

Joseph Mollerus
General Manager
Red Lion Hotel at the Quay

About the Vancouver USA Regional Tourism Office

Vancouver USA Regional Tourism Office (formerly Southwest Washington Convention & Visitors Bureau) is an economic development organization responsible for competitively marketing Vancouver and the surrounding area as a destination for meetings, conventions, and group and leisure travelers. The organization’s mission is to promote Vancouver and Clark County by increasing convention and visitor business. For more information call 360-750-1553, or log on to www.VisitVancouverUSA.com.

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