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WEXNER CENTER FOUNDATION BOARD APPOINTS NEW TRUSTEES

The Wexner Center Foundation announced yesterday the appointment of two new board trustees: **James E. Kunk**, president of the central region of The Huntington National Bank, and **Kevin E. Walker**, president and chief operating officer of AEP-Ohio.

"The leadership skills and diversity of experience that both Walker and Kunk bring to the table will greatly enhance the Wexner Center Foundation board," says Wexner Center Foundation Board Chair Leslie H. Wexner. "Both are highly regarded in the business and nonprofit community, and we welcome them."

James E. Kunk

An Ohio State alumnus and an active member of the Columbus community, James E. Kunk presently serves as president of the central region of The Huntington National Bank. Kunk has held several leadership positions at Huntington since joining the company in 1981. He has also served as account executive for InsuranceOhio Company (a subsidiary of The Ohio Company) and international insurance brokerage Alexander & Alexander Inc., and is a member of the Bank Trade Organization, Robert Morris Associates.

Kunk also serves on the boards of CAPA (Columbus Association for the Performing Arts), Franklin University, The Columbus Zoological Association, and Ohio Bankers League. A graduate of The Ohio State University as well as The Graduate School of Banking at The University of Wisconsin, Kunk resides in Dublin with his wife, Diana, and two daughters.

Kevin E. Walker

A former officer in the U.S. Army, Kevin E. Walker is currently president and COO for AEP-Ohio, which serves more than a million customers in Ohio and the northern West Virginia panhandle. Previously he was with Consolidated Edison of New York, where he directed efforts in the five boroughs of New York City and Westchester, and where he was instrumental in directing recovery of energy service following the collapse of the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001. As Consolidated Edison's New York City public affairs liaison, he was the primary interface with the New York City mayor's office during Rudy Giuliani's administration.

Walker is an adviser to the board of directors for Comprehensive Development Inc., a nonprofit organization that supports mentoring and development programs

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for the Manhattan Comprehensive Night and Day High School. In 1999, he received the Harlem YMCA's Black Achiever in Industry Award.

Walker graduated in 1985 from the United States Military Academy with a bachelor's of science in civil engineering. He served for more than six years in the United States Army, including as a captain in field artillery leadership positions in Augsburg, Germany; at Fort Bragg, N.C.; and during peacetime and wartime conditions in support of Operation Desert Storm in Iraq. He also has a master's of business administration from the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School.

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