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Seneca Park Zoo Society Holds Annual Meeting

Balanced Budgets, Clean Audit, and Zoo Transformation Celebrated

May 21, 2018 — Seneca Park Zoo Society leaders and trustees, as well as Seneca Park Zoo leadership addressed members and supporters at the Society's Annual Meeting on May 19. In addition to providing an overview of 2017 accomplishments, four new trustees were elected, two were elected for new terms, and two were recognized for their service as their board service comes to an end.

Guests heard updates from Pamela Reed Sanchez, Seneca Park Zoo Society President and CEO, Gavin Brownlie, Chair, Board of Trustees, Monroe County Executive Cheryl Dinolfo, and Larry Staub, Director of Parks and Director of Seneca Park Zoo.

Highlights of the commentary include continued progress of Seneca Park Zoo Society's conservation efforts with the most funds ever granted for international conservation efforts, updates on the new Cold Asia and Animals of the Savanna habitats opening in 2018, and on the demolition of the antiquated Main Zoo Building, and the celebration of another year with balanced budget and clean audit.

Board member and Committee on Trustees Chair Maureen Dobies presented nominations of four new trustees, who were elected unanimously by members. The Zoo Society welcomes new trustees:

- Eric Allen, Vice President and Relationship Manager for the Upstate New York market in Commercial Banking at Bank of America Merrill Lynch. Eric has served as Vice Chairperson of the Development Committee for the Seneca Park Zoo Society.
- Trisha Butera, Controller at the Max and Marian Farash Charitable Foundation. Trisha's passion for the Zoo began as one of the Zoo's auditors which led her to her current position on the board.
- Shelly Doran, Senior Vice President and Director of Investor & External Relations for Five Star Bank and Financial Institutions, Inc. A relative new comer to Rochester, Shelly and her husband Kirk both serve on committees for Seneca Park Zoo Society.
- Kevin Nowack, Vice President at DGA Builders, LLC. Kevin brings a background in environmental engineering as well as construction and project management expertise to the Zoo Society board.

Current trustees Stephen Brown and Gary Squires were also elected for additional three-year terms.

Trustee Emeritus Buz Code recognized trustees rotating off the board, which included Linda Buttrill and Barbara Kelley.

After a slide show outlining progress on the Cold Asia and Animals of the Savanna habitats by Zoo Director Larry Staub, and a Q&A with Reed Sanchez and Staub, the meeting was adjourned.

Internationally, and in our own backyard, Seneca Park Zoo plays a key role in species survival. Chartered as an educational institution in 1957 by New York State, the Seneca Park Zoo Society plays an integral role in supporting Monroe County, the owners and operators of the Zoo. Together, we are working to bring animals back from the brink of extinction.