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Natural History Museum Elects Christopher Knowlton as Board Chair

Museum Also Announces Six New Board Officers

Santa Barbara, California (January 25, 2018) — The Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History is proud to announce Christopher Knowlton as the new Chair of its Board of Trustees. Mr. Knowlton has served on the Museum's Board since 2013 and previously served on the Investment Committee. He accepted the Chair position at the Museum's Annual Meeting on January 23, 2018.

"I am honored to be assuming the role of Board Chair of the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History during a particularly important time in the Museum's one-hundred-year history," said Mr. Knowlton. "The implementation of our Centennial Project to refurbish the Museum is well underway. We on the Board of Trustees recognize that the Museum, through its two campuses, has an increasingly vital role to play in our community, educating visitors, especially our youth, to the wonders of the natural world and the growing environmental challenges facing our planet. The natural disasters in our area in recent weeks are just more evidence of those challenges and their severity."

Christopher Knowlton, who has a background in investment management, has served as a trustee of a number of non-profits, including the Foundation for Child Development and the Teton Raptor Center. He also is a former staff writer and London Bureau Chief for *Fortune Magazine* and the author of *Cattle Kingdom: The Hidden History of the Cowboy West*, which was published in June 2017 by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.

The Museum is also pleased to announce Dennis Power as Secretary, Christopher Blau as Vice Chair for Development, Paul Relis as Vice Chair for Governance, Terry Valeski as Vice Chair for Finance, and Elaine Gibson as Member at Large. New Trustee Mathew Adams will serve as Vice Chair for Investment.

For more information about the Museum's Centennial Campaign, please visit <http://campaign.sbnature.org/> or contact Luke Swetland, President and CEO, at 805-682-4711 ext. 102.

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About the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History

Founded in 1916, the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History strives to instill a passion for learning and discovery among its patrons. The Museum aims to build relationships with the Santa Barbara community as well as encourage members and all visitors to seek a better understanding of the world around them. For more information, visit www.sbnature.org.



Christopher Knowlton, Chair of the Board of Trustees

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