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UNM Foundation Elects New Board Officers

The UNM Foundation Board of Trustees has elected the following board officers for FY 2009-2010: **Anne Yegge**, Chair; **Gary Gordon**, Esq., Vice Chair/Chair elect; **Carl Alongi**, CPA, Treasurer; **Peter Johnstone**, Esq., Secretary, all of Albuquerque; and, **Sonnet McKinnon**, Greenwich, Conn., National Vice Chair. Other members of the Executive Committee include: Robert Bovinette; Laura Hueter Bass; Michael Emerson; Dorothy Rainosek; Ray Ziler, CPA; and, ex officio member Ruth Schifani, Esq., UNM Alumni President. **Dr. Stephanie Bennett-Smith**, Brielle, N.J., was elected to a second four-year term on the board. She is a president emerita of Centenary College, N.J.

Trustees whose terms have ended include: Doug Brown and Kyla Thompson, Albuquerque; Dorothy Black, Santa Fe; and, Anne O'Brien, Washington, D.C.

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Anne Yegge is retired from the City of Albuquerque as Director of Community Services and has served on a number of local and national boards.

Gary Gordon is Treasurer at Albuquerque Academy. He was previously an attorney with the Miller Stratvert P.A. law firm in Albuquerque. He is a New Mexico Bar Foundation fellow and an American Board of Trial Advocates member.

Carl Alongi is a co-founder and shareholder of the Albuquerque-based accounting firm Pulakos & Alongi, Ltd., and now serves as director of its Management Consulting Services Division. He is a financial adviser for CPA Wealth Advisors LLC, affiliated with Pulakos & Alongi.

Peter Johnstone (Peter H. Johnstone P.C. law firm) is past president and board member of the American Bar Association and the State Bar of New Mexico. He specializes in commercial litigation, domestic relations, arbitration and mediation.

Sonnet McKinnon, formerly of Albuquerque, mentors scholarship recipients with REACH Prep, a 10-year-old nonprofit that helps Black and Latino students from lower income families attain an independent school education.

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