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AURP Elects New Board Members and Executive Officers

Tucson, AZ October 7, 2015 – The [Association of University Research Parks](http://www.aurp.net) (AURP) today announces the election of its new 2016 board members and the election of new executive officers. Charles D’Agostino, MBA, Executive Director of the LSU Innovation Park, will complete the second year of his two-year term as President of its Board of Directors in 2016.

Greg Hyer, Associate Director of the University of Wisconsin, Madison Research Park will serve as Vice President. Ken Marcus, Director of UA Tech Parks and Chief Financial Officer of the University of Arizona Science and Technology Park will serve as Treasurer, and Mason Ailstock, Chief Operating Officer of Research Triangle Park will serve as Secretary. Kevin Byrne, President of The University Financing Foundation, will continue as Past President of AURP.

“University research parks, serving as the bridges between academia, industry and government, play an ever increasing role ensuring that government investment in research reaches the private sector and helps build economic prosperity. I am honored to serve AURP and lead the organization as it moves forward into the future.” said D’Agostino.

Newly elected members of the AURP Board include:

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- Jim Currie, MBA, Associate Director, PORTAL
Charlotte Research Institute University of North Carolina, Charlotte, North Carolina
- Laura Frerichs, Director, University of Illinois Research Park and University of Illinois
at Urbana---Champaign Economic Development, Champaign, Illinois
- Cameron J. McCoy, PhD (c), Associate Vice President for Economic Engagement, Lehigh University
Research Parks, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania
- Jeanne Mell, Vice President Marketing Communications,
The University City Science Center, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Aaron Miscenich, President & Chief Executive Officer
New Orleans BioInnovation Center, Inc., New Orleans, Louisiana
- Gregory S. Napier, RLA, LEED AP BD+C, Director, Purdue Research Park
and Purdue Research Foundation's Physical Facilities, West Lafayette, Indiana

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About AURP

The Association of University Research Parks is a professional association of university related research and science parks. AURP's mission is to foster innovation, commercialization and economic growth through university, industry and government partnerships. For more information, visit AURP's Web site at www.aurp.net.

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