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# Association of University Research Parks Announces 2020 Board of Directors and Officers

Nebraska Innovation Campus Executive Director, Dan Duncan, continues second year as Board President

**Tucson, AZ, December 16, 2019** – The Association of University Research Parks (AURP), a global non-profit membership organization serving the institutional research park and innovation district community, today announced its 2019-2020 Board of Directors and Officers.

AURP 2020 Board of Directors comprises:

- **Jonathon Bates**, Executive Director, Real Estate Administration & Research Park, University of Utah Research Park
- **Dwaine Chapel**, Executive Director, Growth Partnership and Research Park, South Dakota State University
- Laura Frerichs, Director, University of Illinois Research Park and Director of Economic Development for the University of Illinois' Urbana-Champaign campus
- Will Germain, Senior Investment Officer, Research & Innovation, Ventas
- **Jeff Johnson**, Director, Tech Center Research Park, Virginia Tech
- Greg King, CEcD, Associate Vice President for Economic Development, Georgia Institute of Technology
- Julie Lenzer, Chief Innovation Officer; Director, UM Ventures, The University of Maryland, College Park
- Scott Levitan, President and CEO, The Research Triangle Foundation of North Carolina
- Aaron Miscenich, MBA, Principal, Works Progress Advisory, LLC
- Larry Shaw, CEO, Knowledge Park, Inc. & Ignite Fredericton (NB)

## AURP's 2020 Executive Committee comprises:

- President Daniel Duncan, Executive Director, Nebraska Innovation Campus
- Vice President Leah Burton, Director of Centennial Campus Partnership Office and Industry Alliances, NC State University
- Treasurer Ken Marcus, MBA, Chief Financial and Operating Officer, Tech Parks Arizona
- Secretary Erin Koshut, Executive Director, Cummings Research Park
- At-Large Chris Carlson, Senior Vice President, The Whiting-Turner Contracting Company



- At-Large Mark Romney, Chief Strategy Officer, Aggie Square University of California, Davis
- Past President Mason Ailstock, Senior Principal, HR&A Advisors

"I want to congratulate the 2020 AURP Board of Directors and Officers for leading our organization in the coming year," said Dan Duncan, AURP President and Executive Director, Nebraska Innovation Campus. "This Board is comprised of people who highly value collegiality, collaboration and dedication to our mission at AURP. I'm proud to join in working with them in the year ahead on behalf of our membership and larger community of research parks and communities of innovation worldwide."

"I'm delighted to have the opportunity to collaborate with this distinguished group of professionals who represent the diverse components of our AURP membership," said Brian Darmody, AURP CEO. "With our 2020 AURP Board ready to go, I look forward to continue driving AURP's mission to support and develop university research parks and innovation districts across the US and worldwide – our community of innovation."

### **About AURP:**

AURP, a non-profit international organization with offices in Tucson, AZ at the University of Arizona Science & Technology Park (Tech Parks AZ) and in the Washington, DC area at the University of Maryland Discovery District, focuses on creating communities of innovation and education for research parks both operating and planned, plus innovation districts, incubators, accelerators and the businesses that support the research park industry. AURP and its global membership promote research, institute-industry relations and innovation districts to foster innovation and to facilitate the transfer of technology from such institutions to the private sector. Learn more: <a href="https://www.aurp.net">www.aurp.net</a>

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