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FAC hires Acting CEO Jon Stepleton will provide leadership during transition

COLORADO SPRINGS (Aug. 27, 2007) – The Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center announces the hiring of Jon Stepleton as the Acting Chief Executive Officer today.

Stepleton will provide leadership for the organization with the departure of Dr. Michael De Marsche, who announced his resignation on Aug. 9.

Stepleton, who is the Executive Director of the Pikes Peak Community College Foundation and a current member of the FAC Board of Trustees, is a familiar face to the Fine Arts Center. He served as the interim CEO for eight months in 2003, following the resignation of former CEO David Turner in late 2002.

“Jon Stepleton was the Board’s first choice and we are delighted that he has accepted our offer,” said Carol Kleiner, Chair of Fine Arts Center Board of Trustees. “This is a great step in the right direction. He did a wonderful job last time; we know that he is a capable manager with tremendous institutional knowledge of the Fine Arts Center.”

Stepleton begins this week and will serve through Sept. 30. The Board also approved the formation of a Transition Team that will conduct the search for an Interim CEO and determine the process for locating Dr. De Marsche’s successor.

Stepleton is a former editor and associate publisher of The Gazette as well as past president of Gazette Charities.

Jon Stepleton Bio

Jon Stepleton is the Executive Director of the Pikes Peak Community College Foundation and has served in that role since 2004. He also currently works as a philanthropic advisor to the Woodford Foundation and the Community Leadership Fund of the Pikes Peak Community Foundation. Jon served as Interim Executive Director at the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center from January-August 2003 and at Silver Key in 2003-2004. He retired from The Gazette as Associate Publisher in 2002 after 30+ years in the newspaper business. He was also the president of Gazette Charities. Jon is a leader in the Colorado Springs community and is actively engaged with many nonprofit boards, civic forums and coalitions, such as the Fine Arts Center, Children’s Literacy Center, Pikes Peak Chapter of the Red Cross, and Homeward Pikes Peak. Jon and his wife, Tamra Renzelman, have two daughters, Tiana and Nataya. He is a graduate of the Miami University of Ohio and also holds an MBA from the University of Dayton.