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Iowa Council of Foundations Elects New Board Officers, Directors

Iowa's philanthropic sector puts focus on community

The Iowa Council of Foundations, the state's largest association of philanthropic and grantmaking organizations, has elected **Cathy Showalter**, grant coordinator at the Otto Schoitz Foundation, to its board for fiscal year 2025 (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025).

Returning board members elected to officer positions are: Chair **Nicole Brua-Behrens**, executive director of the Greater Poweshiek Community Foundation; Vice Chair **Charla Schafer**, president of the Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine; Treasurer **Beth Jones**, director of community impact for the Delta Dental of Iowa Foundation; Secretary **Ena Babic Barnes**, executive director of the Iowa Credit Union Foundation; and Immediate Past Chair **Matt Mendenhall**, president and CEO of the Regional Development Authority. **Rob Barron**, executive director of Seed Coalition, and **Showalter** will serve as at-large members of the Board.

The Iowa Council of Foundations represents member organizations from all facets of philanthropy: community foundations, corporate foundations and giving programs, private independent and family foundations, and operating foundations, as well as individuals associated with philanthropy. Collectively, ICoF members annually grant more than \$65 million in Iowa.

McCann Boutell shared, "The ICoF board has led our organization through some meaningful evolutions over the last several years. They have seen and shown that philanthropy should be more than a source of funding – philanthropy can be a true partner in improving our communities. I'm deeply grateful to the past and retiring directors of the Board for their leadership. I look forward to working with this year's board, a group of thoughtful, engaged leaders who, I know, will keep pushing our network and our field forward."

About the Iowa Council of Foundations (ICoF)

The ICoF is a membership association for Iowa grantmakers. Members are a diverse mix of Iowa community foundations, private foundations, family foundations, corporate foundations, operating foundations, and other giving programs. The only professional organization convening the funding community on a statewide basis, the ICoF strives to strengthen, guide and grow philanthropy in Iowa. Since 2004, the ICoF has served as the state of Iowa's Lead Philanthropic Entity.

To learn more about the ICoF and inquire about membership opportunities, please visit the website (www.IowaCouncilofFoundations.org) or call 515-989-1188.

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