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THREE NEW TRUSTEES JOIN NHPR BOARD

CONCORD – Three new trustees were recently elected by the Board of New Hampshire Public Radio.

Robert J. Grappone of Bow, owner of the Grappone Companies, Ann McLane Kuster of Concord, an attorney with Rath, Young and Pignatelli, P.A., and Marshall G. Rowe of Hopkinton, president of Harvest Capital Management in Concord will each serve three-year terms.

Grappone is the sole owner of The Grappone Companies family of car dealerships, which includes Ford, Toyota, Scion, Honda, Volkswagen, Mazda, and Hyundai dealerships in and around Concord. In addition to serving on the Board of Trustees for NHPR, Grappone is co-chair of the NH Technical Institute's Health Education Center Capital Campaign, and treasurer of the Grail Foundation of America. He is the past chair of the New Hampshire Easter Seals and Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce, and is a past board member of the Kiwanis and Concord Boys and Girls Club. He is a graduate of Concord High School, and East Carolina University. He lives in Bow with his wife Beverly.

Kuster is a shareholder and director of Rath, Young and Pignatelli, where she specializes in legislative and policy matters. She also maintains a private adoption practice. Kuster was a member of the inaugural class of Leadership New Hampshire (1993). She is the former chair of the Board of Directors and the Capitol Campaign of the Capital Center for the Arts. She serves on the Board of Directors of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation and Womankind Counseling Center. Kuster served on the Capital Campaign Committee for NHPR in 1991. She is a graduate of Georgetown University Law Center, and Dartmouth College. She lives in Concord with her husband, Brad.

Rowe is the president, Chief Investment Officer, and founder of Harvest Capital Management in Concord. He oversees all aspects of Harvest Capital's investment and portfolio management process. Rowe is a member of the investment committees of Concord Hospital and the New Hampshire Humanities Council. He is the former chair



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of the Board of Trustees of the Concord Community Music School, and is the president of the Hopkinton Public Library Foundation and an Assistant Scoutmaster for the Boy Scouts of America. He is a graduate of the University of New Hampshire, and Hartwick College. He lives in Hopkinton with his wife Rachel.

“The addition of these three, wonderful New Hampshire residents truly strengthens this organization,” said Sylvia McBeth of Keene, chair of the NHPR Board of Trustees. “They bring a wealth of experience, and a dedication to the role of NHPR as a news and information source for New Hampshire.”

NHPR serves more than 150,000 listeners each week through a network of seven stations and transmitters. NHPR is the only statewide source of news, information, and entertainment for the Granite State, striving to earn the respect of its listeners by offering in-depth and unbiased reporting of the issues facing New Hampshire residents. NHPR views the importance of providing a comprehensive information source for New Hampshire as one of the station’s highest priorities. Contributions from listeners and businesses in New Hampshire make up more than 90 percent of the revenue necessary to operate NHPR.

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