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Arizona Grantmakers Forum names three new Board members

PHOENIX, AZ (2/7/11) – Arizona Grantmakers Forum (AGF) has elected three new members to serve on the Board of Directors:



Steven G. Seleznow, Ed.D., President & CEO, Arizona Community Foundation

Steve Seleznow came to ACF in January 2010 from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation in Seattle, where he served as the Deputy Director of the U.S. Program in Education. Prior to this, Seleznow was Partner and Chief Investment Officer with Venture Philanthropy Partners in Washington, D.C. He was also founder and CEO of Humanitas Consulting, LLC. Seleznow spent the first 25 years of his career as a public school teacher, principal and associate superintendent. In 1999, Seleznow was named Deputy Superintendent for Montgomery County Public Schools in Maryland. In 2001, he was recruited by the U.S.

Congress-appointed Control Board of the District of Columbia to serve as Chief of Staff and later Interim Superintendent for District of Columbia Public Schools.

Seleznow earned a doctorate and a master's degree from Harvard University where he studied administration, planning and social policy. He also holds a second master's degree from the University of Maryland and a bachelor of science from Boston University.



J. Clinton Mabie, President & CEO, Community Foundation for Southern Arizona

J. Clinton Mabie joined the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona as President and CEO in May of 2010. Mabie started his career in the nonprofit sector 18 years ago after jobs in advertising and commercial real estate. During his nonprofit career, he served as Director of Development of The Golden Apple Foundation, founder of the Center of Teaching and Learning, which teaches educators how to incorporate technology into the classroom, and was a high school teacher in the Chicago Public Schools. Most recently, he served as Director of Donor Services and Program Development at the Chicago Community

Trust. Mabie is also a member of the Southern Arizona Leadership Council and Nonprofit Executives of Tucson. He has served on nonprofit boards for over 20 years.

Mabie received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Ohio Wesleyan University, a Master of Management from J.L Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University and a Master of Arts in Teaching from National-Louis University.



Belen Gonzalez, Grants Program Manager-Arizona, Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust

Belen Gonzalez, M.S.W., joined the Trust in 2000 following her involvement with numerous nonprofit organizations serving children 0 to 5 years of age, teenagers and teenage parents. She graduated from Arizona State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in social work and earned a master's in social work, with an emphasis on policy and community organizing, from the University of Chicago. Ms. Gonzalez is also a recent graduate of the Valley Leadership program. In her current position, she is responsible for reviewing grant proposals, meeting with potential grantees, conducting site visits and monitoring and evaluating proposals.

About Arizona Grantmakers Forum

AGF is a regional association that provides educational resources, research and networking opportunities for grantmakers in Arizona. Member organizations make financial grants to non-profit organizations throughout the state and represent the interests of private foundations, trusts, endowed community foundations, corporations, government agencies and individuals with organized charitable gift programs. AGF's mission is to increase, enhance, and improve philanthropy in Arizona, with the vision that the state's expanding philanthropic community, working collaboratively, invests their resources wisely to make a profound positive difference for Arizona's communities. Learn more about Arizona Grantmakers Forum and our member organizations at www.azgrantmakers.org.