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ACADEMY OF NATURAL SCIENCES WELCOMES BUSINESS LEADERS TO GOVERNING BOARD

PHILADELPHIA—The Academy of Natural Sciences today announced the election of two local business leaders to its governing board.

Peter Austen, president of Willis of Pennsylvania, Inc., and Sandra McLean, executive director and trustee of The McLean Contributionship were welcomed to the Academy's Board of Trustees at its most recent meeting in September.

Austen has more than 25 years of insurance brokerage and risk management experience. He is a regional partner with Willis North America, managing offices in Pennsylvania, Delaware, Washington, D.C. and Maryland, where his focus is growth and strategic development.

A resident of Radnor, Austen is active in the Greater Philadelphia community, including as a director of the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia. He is a graduate of State University of New York Maritime College.

McLean's long involvement with The McLean Contributionship, established for charitable, educational and scientific purposes, began in 1992, and she has been executive director for the last decade. A lifelong resident of the Philadelphia area, McLean for many years has been active in the community, including with Delaware Valley Grantmakers and as assistant secretary of the Board of Directors of Independent Publications, Inc. At the Academy, she is an active member of the Ewell Sale Stewart Library Committee. McLean graduated from Agnes Irwin School in Bryn Mawr and Guilford College in Greensboro, N.C., and resides in Devon.

"We are so pleased to add Sandra's and Peter's expertise and guidance to our board as we engage our communities, raise funds and prepare for our bicentennial in 2012," said Academy President and CEO George Gephart.

The Academy is the oldest natural science research institution and museum in the Americas and a world leader in biodiversity and environmental research. The mission is the encouragement and cultivation of the sciences.

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