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Eugene Civic Alliance Announces Board Leadership and New Members for 2016

Publisher and former Olympic runner Jon Anderson has been named 2016 president of the board of directors of Eugene Civic Alliance, the nonprofit working to redevelop the historic Civic Stadium property into a community sports and entertainment venue.

Also, former Springfield Schools Superintendent Dr. Nancy Golden and UO and NFL athlete Jordan Kent have recently joined the ECA Board of Directors.

This is going to be an important year for ECA," Anderson said. "We will begin designing the new Civic Park, a place that will give kids and families a needed place to play a variety of indoor and outdoor sports. And we will begin in earnest the task of raising money to build it. There is a lot of work ahead of us this year, but I think the whole of ECA is prepared and excited and looking forward to it."

Anderson is publisher and president of Random Lengths, a publication that covers the wood products industry. He joined Random Lengths in 1974 and became president and publisher in 1984.

He was a competitive distance runner from 1966-1984, a member of the U.S. Olympic Team in 1972, and he won the Boston Marathon in 1973. He recently completed ten years of service on the UO Foundation Board of Trustees.

Golden recently retired as Chief Education Officer for the Oregon Education Investment Board, where she served from 2011 to 2015. She was Springfield superintendent from 2003 to 2011, where she significantly increased student achievement and passed a \$42.7 million bond levy.

Golden continues to teach for the University of Oregon's Administrative Licensure Program. She serves on a variety of local and state-level boards and committees and is widely respected for her inclusive and collaborative leadership style.

Kent is the director of Jordan Kent Skills Camps and works as a sports news broadcaster for Comcast Sportsnet NW. The Kent Skills Camps is a summer program that provides children of any background or ability the opportunity to develop skills in a variety of sports, including football, basketball, baseball, soccer, and general speed and agility.

Kent was a three-sport athlete at the University of Oregon – in football, basketball, and track. He was drafted in the sixth round of the 2007 NFL draft by the Seattle Seahawks and played wide receiver for three seasons in the NFL.

Eugene Civic Alliance Board for 2016:

Jon Anderson, ECA President

Publisher and President, Random Lengths

Bev Smith, ECA Secretary

Executive Director of Kidsports

Dean Hansen, ECA Treasurer

Senior Vice President, Pacific Continental Bank

Art Johnson, Founding ECA President Emeritus

Attorney, Johnson, Johnson & Schaller

Allan Benavides,

General Manager, Eugene Emeralds

Charlene Carter

President, Carter & Carter Financial, Inc.

Nancy Golden

Chief Education Officer, Oregon Education Investment Board, Retired

Jordan Kent

Director of Jordan Kent Skills Camps

Jenny Ulum

Managing Director of Strategic Communications, King Estates Winery

Rick Wright

President, Market of Choice

ECA, founded in 2014, is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation established to redevelop the historic Civic Stadium property into an inclusive, long-term, self-sustaining community sports and entertainment venue, operated primarily to benefit the children of the community. ECA owns the site free and clear.

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