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VMUG ANNOUNCES NEW 2020 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

NASHVILLE (January 2021) - VMware User Group (VMUG) welcomes new board of directors for 2021. The new roster of members brings a new wave of diversity & experience to the VMUG Board. With over 75 years of combined IT experience as well as specialties in professional development and soft skills make these new additions a huge strength to the organization.

New additions to the Board include newly elected Martin Campbell, Brenda Emerson, Sumanth Gadige, Tamecka McKay, as well as Dave Sandberg, who returns for his third term on the Board. Jeff Couch was elected by the Board to serve as Vice President.

Collectively, the new Board members look forward to fostering growth within the organization, in addition to nurturing the sense of community that VMUG has already built.

The 2021 VMware User Group Board of Directors is as follows:

- Steve Athanas, President
- Jeff Couch, Vice President
- Adrian Woodward Secretary/Treasurer
- Matt Heldstab, Director
- Dave Sandberg, Director
- Dave Simpson, Director
- Martin Campbell, Director
- Brenda Emerson, Director
- Sumanth Gadige, Director
- Tamecka McKay, Director
- Ann Johnson, Director, VMware representative
- Jean Williams, Director, VMware representative
- Brad Tompkins, Executive Director (ex officio)

Steve Athanas, who has served as President of VMUG since January 1, 2019, is excited about the array of experience within the 2021 Board of Directors. He says, "Everyone on the VMUG Board of Directors looks forward to welcoming our newest members and are thrilled with the level of insight and experience each brings. Our 2021 Board brings together multiple career and technology experiences and varied thought perspectives that will serve well to lead the organization in 2021 and the years ahead."

VMUG Vice President Brian Chylik, as well as Directors, Bonnie Bauder, Dr. Heinz-Hermann Adam, and Ravi Venkatasubbaiah completed their terms on the 2020 VMUG Board of Directors effective December 31, 2020.

You can find the professional biographies of each newly elected Board member below.



Martin Campbell | Director

Location: Edinburgh, UK

Employer: The University of Edinburgh

Title: Virtualisation Lead

As Virtualization Lead, Martin Campbell provides strategic and technical direction for enterprise technologies at The University of Edinburgh. He is experienced in the following virtualization technologies based upon VMware ESXi | NSX | VIO | PKS, external SAN platforms, SAN fabrics, Load Balancers, automation harnesses, and a large estate of Linux servers and services. Martin has been a member of VMUG since 2013.



Brenda Emerson | Director

Location: Clayton, MO

Employer: Carrollton Bank

Title: CIO

As CIO for a community bank, Brenda Emerson sets strategic technology direction that aligns with the bank's strategic plan. She is a visionary for technology and a champion for innovation. She oversees the technical and banking application teams. Although new to Carrollton Bank, she is not new to banking. She is a strong VMware user and a member of VMUG.



Sumanth Gadige | Director

Location: Bangalore, India

Employer: Symphony Retail AI

Title: Director - Cloud Services

As Director, Cloud Services Sumanth Gadige is responsible for designing, hosting and managing solutions on Cloud. He is experienced in vSphere, vCenter, vRA and NSX along with Open Source and Cloud Technologies. Sumanth is an active member of VMUG and started the VMUG chapter in Bangalore as well as supported the growth in India.



Tamecka McKay | Director

Location: Sunrise, FL

Employer: Broward County Public Schools

Title: IT Infrastructure Manager

As Enterprise Infrastructure Manager for Broward County Public Schools, Tamecka McKay serves as Manager for the Enterprise Infrastructure Services Team. Her role includes oversight and management of the virtual farm including 2000+ virtual and physical servers over 4 petabytes of Storage, Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity Services, iSeries Administration, and Database Management for the nation's 6th largest school district supporting 35K employees and 250K students. As a member of VMUG she has been attending VMUG events for over 10 years.

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ABOUT VMWARE USER GROUP (VMUG)

VMware User Group (VMUG) is an independent, customer-led organization made up of more than 150,000 members globally, created to maximize members' use of VMware and partner solutions through knowledge sharing, training, collaboration, and events. VMUG is the largest user group in the virtualization and cloud infrastructure solutions industry. For more information on VMUG, please visit www.vmug.com.

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