



**ANDREW JACKSON FOUNDATION NAMES THREE
NEW MEMBERS TO ITS BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

***Laura Smith, Shane Hooper and Mitchel Bone Bring Extensive
Records of Civic and Non-Profit Service to AJF***

NASHVILLE (July 25, 2023) – The Andrew Jackson Foundation (AJF), the Nashville-based non-profit which owns and operates [The Hermitage](#), the 1,120-acre national historic landmark and home of the nation's seventh president, announced today it has named three new members to its Board of Trustees.

Laura Smith, Shane Hooper and Mitchel Bone joined the 21-member board serving the foundation whose origin dates back to 1889. In addition to running the daily operations of The Hermitage, the AJF oversees the preservation of the site, as well as educational curricula, public programming, partnerships, special events and fundraising related to the Nashville property and the official historical canon of President Andrew Jackson.

Smith, vice president – general counsel for Nashville Electric Service, is the past president of the Nashville Bar Association, where she currently serves on the board of directors. She has been recognized as both a Nashville Bar Foundation Fellow and a Tennessee Bar Foundation Fellow. Smith's numerous community endeavors include service on behalf of The Women's Fund of the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee, Fifty Forward, CABLE, Big Brothers of Nashville, WIN, the Nashville Women's Political Caucus and Habitat for Humanity of Greater Nashville.

Hooper is president/CEO of the Shelbyville-Bedford Partnership, an economic development organization. A former Marine Corps officer, Hooper served by appointment of the Governor of Mississippi on the state's Institutions of Higher Learning board, followed by an appointment by the Governor of Tennessee to the Tennessee Board of Regents. His non-profit and civic contributions include service to his alma mater Lipscomb University, the Community Development Foundation, North Mississippi Medical Center, North Mississippi Health Care Foundation and United Way of Northeast Mississippi, among others.

Bone, dealer principal of Wilson County Chevrolet Buick GMC and executive manager of Wilson County Hyundai, is a U.S. Navy veteran who served with distinction worldwide. A member and past president of the Lebanon Breakfast Rotary Club, he served on the boards of numerous non-profit organizations, including the Middle Tennessee Better Business Bureau, Boy Scouts of America, Community Foundation of Wilson County, Lebanon/Wilson County Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Wilson and Wilson County CASA. Bone is former CIO of Cumberland University, where he was honored with the Distinguished Alumni and Algernon Sydney Sullivan awards.

"The Andrew Jackson Foundation is extremely fortunate to welcome Laura, Shane and Mitchel to our board as we continue to seek new ways for The Hermitage to have a meaningful impact," said Howard J. Kittell, president and CEO of the Andrew Jackson Foundation. "The proven leadership they bring to the

foundation will strengthen our ability to tell authentic and memorable stories about Jackson and his times.”

The Hermitage, Jackson’s residence before and after his term as president from 1829 to 1837, is one of the oldest, largest and most popular presidential homesites and museums in the U.S. The foundation's mission is to preserve the historic site, create valuable learning opportunities and inspire citizenship.

About Andrew Jackson’s Hermitage

Andrew Jackson’s Hermitage: Home of the People’s President is one of the largest, most well preserved and most visited presidential homes in the United States. Opened to the public in 1889, The Hermitage is one of America’s first presidential museums. Today, The Hermitage is a 1,120-acre National Historic Landmark with more than 20 historic buildings, including Jackson’s mansion and tomb, restored slave cabins, a church and gardens. In recent years, new interpretive initiatives and educational programs such as the history of slavery have enhanced the experiences of more than 230,000 annual visitors. For more information, visit www.thehermitage.com.

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