

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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# **BARDAVON BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTS 2016/17 SLATE OF OFFICERS**

## ***Bardavon Members Elect Eight New Board Members***

(Poughkeepsie, NY) At the 2016 Annual Membership Meeting held at the theater on June 23, the membership elected eight new Board members to a three year term:

Carlo Citera (*Partner - Cosimo's Restaurant Group*)  
Stephanie Cunningham (*Sales Engineer - N&S Supply HVAC*)  
Paul Hochenberg (*Executive Director - Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital*)  
Mary Beth Meyer (*Owner - Accent Cabinetry and Woodworking, Inc*)  
Marianne Murray (*Founder - Carve for a Cause*)  
John Rath (*Senior Vice President - Lakeland Bank*)  
Ed Silverman (*Founder - Silverman Wealth Management*)  
Dr. Nicole Williams (*Superintendent - City of Poughkeepsie School District*)

Three current Board members were elected to a second three year term:

Nancy Belok  
Ross Mauri  
Dr. Frank Mayle

Four Board members whose term had expired were invited to join the Advisory Board:

Patrick Moore  
Irene Brocks  
Robert Gray  
Robert Levine

At a special Board meeting immediately following the Annual Membership Meeting, Bardavon trustees unanimously approved the 2016/17 slate of officers. They are:

Steven Chickery, President  
Robert A. Kallman, Vice President  
Stacey Renner, Treasurer  
Tiffany Christiana, Secretary  
Karen Smythe, Immediate Past President

Bardavon 1869 Opera House, Inc. is a New York State nonprofit corporation that owns and operates two historic theaters and the region's premiere orchestra. The 944-seat Bardavon Opera House in Poughkeepsie is the oldest continuously operating theater in the state, one of the oldest in the country, and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The 1500-seat Ulster Performing Arts Center (UPAC) is a National Register property built in Kingston in 1927. UPAC was merged into the Bardavon's corporate structure in 2007. In 1999, the acquisition of respected Hudson Valley Philharmonic added the dimension of symphonic music to the Bardavon's operation.