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## MINNESOTA CHORALE ANNOUNCES ELECTION OF BOARD VICE PRESIDENT, TREASURER-ELECT AND NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Minnesota Chorale is pleased to announce the election of a vice president, treasurer-elect and new members to its board of directors. Elected during the period of November 2023 through February 2024 with each serving a three-year term renewable by re-election of the board.

“Our Board of Directors at the Minnesota Chorale brings a wealth of knowledge, experience, insights, and community connections to our deliberations and to our decision-making. I am so delighted to welcome four new Board members who have widely varying backgrounds, but who share a common love of choral music, and I look forward to learning from them and collaborating with them to make the Chorale even stronger!”

- Minnesota Chorale board president, Mariellen Jacobson

- **Laura Amos – nominated to vice president** commenced in December 2023,
  - Laura brings her expertise in research data, solution and project management, analysis, and implementation in her work with RBC Wealth Management.
- **Kate Graber – treasurer-elect** began term in January 2024,
  - Kate brings a wealth of knowledge to the Chorale in her work with Thrivent as a consultant.
- **Paolo Debuque –** began term in February 2024,
  - Paolo is a conductor and choral artist committed to meaningful music-making through innovative programming and grassroots, community-centered art. Passionate proponent of the power of empathy, curiosity, and joy to effect positive social change.
- **Cheryl Friedrichs –** began term in November 2023,
  - Cheryl brings her extensive knowledge of product development and management as well as her passion for driving inclusivity, satisfaction, and loyalty. Her focus on creating the next generation of strong, empathetic talent is one of many reasons she is a great fit for our board.
- **Gustavo Rodriguez –** began term in November 2023
  - Gustavo brings his leadership in insights and forecasting to our team. With a career as a Sr. Revenue Science Advisor for FedEx Services he brings a perspective to our board that comes from a unique perspective.

“We’re really looking forward to working with this group of new board members,” said Chorale executive director Alyssa Breece. “Their skills and experience in so many areas is really exciting as we are looking at our future of new opportunities together.”

### About the Minnesota Chorale

Founded in 1972, the Minnesota Chorale is a multi-generational umbrella organization comprising ensembles for singers from ages 8 to 80-plus. The organization’s symphonic chorus is the principal chorus of the Minnesota Orchestra and ranks among the foremost professional choruses in the United States. The Chorale’s two youth choirs provide Minneapolis Public School students in grades 3 through 9 with the opportunity to develop their musical gifts in an environment dedicated to the celebration of diversity and the pursuit of artistic excellence. Voices of Experience, a choir for older adults operated in partnership with MacPhail Center for Music, offers mature singers opportunities to achieve vocal excellence and enrich the community through song.