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## **Laguna College of Art & Design Welcomes New Board Members**

The Board of Trustees of the Laguna College of Art & Design enthusiastically announces the recent election of new members Nicole Anderson, Nancy Beverage and Patricia O'Brien. LCAD's Board is composed of corporate officers, alumni, artists and community leaders whose roles include volunteer and fiduciary commitment to further the mission of the college, serving as ambassadors in the community, and applying their unique leadership capabilities on behalf of the institution.

"In addition to being very bright people, each of our new trustees bring special professional experience to keep the college moving forward. One has skills in estate planning, another in community relations, and a third in academic administration. We are fortunate and proud to have them on the governing board," said college president Dennis Power.

Nicole Anderson, Principal of Anderson Law Group, practices primarily in the area of estate planning and business law. She lives in Laguna Beach with her husband, Peter Anderson. Nicole received her Bachelor of Arts in International Political Economy from The Colorado College and attended the London School of Economics for one year in pursuit of her degree. Nicole is currently pursuing her L.L.M (masters in law) in taxation from Chapman University School of Law. She volunteers her time with the Junior League of Orange County and serves on the committee for the Orange County Bar Foundation for Higher Education's Mentoring Project. Nicole is a frequent lecturer in the areas of Living Trusts, Advanced Estate Planning and Business law. She welcomes invitations to speak on any Estate Planning or Business Law topic.

Nancy Beverage was born in Ontario, Canada and moved to the US in her early years, becoming a citizen at age 17. She graduated from UCLA and was hired by IBM shortly thereafter. Spending her entire professional career at IBM, she worked in various marketing and technical management roles including managing the Orange County Executive Briefing Center. Since taking early retirement from IBM, Nancy has been active in many not for profit organizations. She was a member of the Laguna beach Arts Commission for nine years, serving two terms as Chair, is currently Vice Chair of the a Laguna Beach Arts Alliance and is on the Executive Committee of the Laguna Beach Sister Cities Association. Nancy is married to Gary Beverage, another cheerful community volunteer. They enjoy boating and trying to train their new pooch, Winston.

Patricia O'Brien is a cultural historian by training, author of books and articles in modern French history, and co-author of an enduring textbook in western civilization for college students. For the last 20 years she has served as a university administrator in the University of California system. She retired in 2008 from UCLA where she had headed the UCLA College of Letters and Science. A resident of Laguna Beach since 1974, she lives here with her husband Chris and stepson Devin.

Officers of the Laguna College of Art & Design Board of Trustees are Jim McQueen (McQueen & Ashman LLP), Chair; Stevan Gromet (Gromet & Associates), Vice Chair; Nancy Milby (Laguna Culinary Arts), Treasurer; and Lisa Dallendorfer (The Dall Group), Secretary.

**Images:**

Nicole Anderson

Nancy Beverage

Patricia O'Brien

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Laguna College of Art & Design is a private, not-for-profit college where outstanding artist-educators, visual arts programs, state-of-the-art facilities, and year-round exhibitions give fresh vision to Laguna's extraordinary legacy in the visual arts. Founded in 1961, the college educates artists at all stages of their creative careers, offering Bachelor of Fine Arts degrees in Drawing and Painting, Graphic Design, Illustration, Game Art, and Animation, and a Master of Fine Arts degree in painting.

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