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Batavia Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Selects New Leader

Margaret Perreault, currently the Membership Development Specialist with the Chamber takes over as the organization's head on June 25

Batavia, Ill. – June 17, 2019 – Today, Margaret Perreault of Batavia was named the new president and chief executive officer of the Batavia Chamber of Commerce by its board of directors. However, Perreault won't be changing her business address as she is currently the membership development specialist with the Chamber.

Jessica McGrail, chairperson of the board, spoke on behalf of the entire board of directors. According to McGrail, the search committee was impressed with Perreault's past work with the Chamber and confident that going forward, she will continue the organization's momentum.

"We are fortunate to have Margaret as our next president and CEO of the Batavia Chamber of Commerce," said McGrail, owner of Dollar & Sense Bookkeeping. "She is member- and community-focused, which we know will be key in the continued success of our Chamber.

"Furthermore, in her role as the member development specialist for over four years, Margaret built a solid understanding of the Chamber's operations and is well-regarded among our members," continued McGrail. "We believe this will be an easy transition and are excited to be a part of the ideas and creativity Margaret will bring to this position."

As for Perreault, she hopes to energize the business community, highlighting the value they bring to the greater community.

“I am extremely honored to have been selected to serve my community as the next President and CEO of the Batavia Chamber of Commerce,” Perreault commented. “I am confident in my ability to continue the progress and prosperity of our Chamber.

“The Chamber’s work is vital to the local business community and I look forward to working with the Chamber’s board, ambassadors and staff to continue to grow the organization and to promote the interests of local businesses to ensure their livelihood,” she continued. “I believe in the Chamber’s capacity to enhance the economic and business climate of our area.

“I am excited to work with our members to provide the programs and benefits that they need to prosper,” Perreault said.

McGrail and Perreault added that the work accomplished over the past five years by departing Holly Deitchman created a strong foundation for future growth of the Batavia Chamber of Commerce.

“Holly has prepared me in so many ways to take the helm of the Chamber and continue its success,” stated Perreault. “I sincerely thank her, and I know the board of directors join me in wishing her all the best in her new position with the Batavia School District.”

McGrail summed up the feelings of many Chamber members.

“Holly will be sorely missed; she has brought this organization to a level it has never seen before,” McGrail concluded. “We are thankful for all she has done for this Chamber, our members and the Batavia community. We are fortunate that in her new position she will be a community partner of the Chamber.”

About Batavia Chamber of Commerce:

A local business-centered organization, the Batavia Chamber of Commerce sponsors or is involved with several annual Batavia events; including the Annual Mayor’s Breakfast, Citizen of the Year/Ole Awards Event, and much more. The president and CEO is Margaret Perreault (beginning June 25, 2019). Membership and information about upcoming Chamber and community events are available online at bataviachamber.org or by calling (630) 879-7134.