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### **SAMA ANNOUNCES ADDITIONS TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Loretto – The Southern Alleghenies Musuem of Art is pleased to announce the additions of Tim Houser and Barry Newborn to its Board of Trustees.

Originally from Tyrone, Timothy Houser earned a degree in music education from Pennsylvania State University and later graduated from the Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science. He has been owner/president of Askew-Houser Funeral Homes since 1986. Houser is active in the community and is a member of the Dauntless Fire Company. He has served on Ebensburg's Potatofest committee since its inception twenty-two years ago and is also past president of the Ebensburg Business District Commission.

Barry Newborn was born and raised in New York and is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts. In 1973, he joined the Altoona News Agency where he became marketing manager one year later. In 1984, he became president and CEO of Newborn Enterprises. Today the company distributes periodicals to Giant Eagle, Sheetz, Martin's, and many other independent stores throughout Ohio, Virginia, and North Carolina. Newborn presently resides in Altoona and is a member of the Altoona Rotary Club and Blair County Chamber of Commerce. He has a passion for collecting historic and modern Southwestern art.

"We are pleased that Tim Houser and Barry Newborn have joined our leadership team," said SAMA Executive Director G. Gary Moyer. "Fellow board members and the Museum staff look forward to working with them to address the challenges we face and to capitalize on the opportunities that are ahead. Both Houser and Newborn bring a combination of business savvy, community involvement and an interest in the arts that will serve them well as trustees. We are fortunate to have talented individuals like Houser and Newborn leading the Museum and helping us to establish a legacy for the people of this region."