

PRESERVATION NEW JERSEY SETTING STRATEGIC PLAN

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March 24, 2011 - The Board of Directors of Preservation New Jersey (PNJ) regrets to announce the departure of its Executive Director, Ron Emrich. PNJ is undergoing a financial restructuring and is undertaking a strategic planning process to position PNJ for future growth and increased impact.

Ron Emrich, who has served as PNJ's Executive Director since 2003, will continue his duties through March 31, 2011.

"Preservation NJ will continue to offer advice and preservation support as it has for the past 32 years," said PNJ President Mary-Anna Holden. "Ron Emrich has been an invaluable leader whose experience has added greatly to the organization's national reputation in addition to its traditional state-wide role."

"As the recession has challenged many other non-profit organizations, PNJ has not been able to escape a similar circumstance. The Board is developing a five-year strategic plan that will continue its successful brands – the Building Industry Network, the 10 Most Endangered Places annual listing; PNJNet; the Preservation Blog; CAMP (an assistance mentoring program for historic preservation commissions and planning and zoning board officials) – while reinventing itself to more productively utilize Senior Programs Director Stephanie Cherry-Farmer's skills, and capitalize on the talents and expertise of its current and former boards of directors," Mrs. Holden continued.

"As the only state-wide non-profit promoting historic preservation, we rely upon individual and corporate-giving generosity for our existence and will be examining long-term sustainability and growth of the organization as part of the strategic planning process."

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