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VIRGINIA ZOO ANNOUNCES 2011 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Norfolk, Va. – The Virginia Zoo announces its 2011 board of directors and president, who met for the first time today.

The 2010 board elected Erik Cooper, President of Cooper Realty, Inc., as president for a two-year term during the annual business meeting in December 2010. Cooper has served as a board member for 13 years.

“I’m very excited about leading the board as we look forward to opening the new Trail of the Tiger exhibit in April,” said Cooper. “The new exhibit has been the culmination of great efforts made by the city, the Zoo staff, the board and our generous donors, and of course, the continuous support by visitors from the Hampton Roads area.”

Cooper succeeds Lawrence Brett, an area college business and economics instructor, who will continue to serve as an officer of the board as immediate past president. The other 2011 board officers are: Marva Smith, who is a community leader, will serve as 1st vice president; Michael Morrison of Matrix Capital Markets Group in Richmond will serve as 2nd vice president; Michael Burnette of MBB, Inc. and Burnette Development will serve as treasurer; and Thomas Berkley of Vandeventer Black, LLP will serve as recording secretary.

“I’m looking forward to working closely with the board to continue developing the Virginia Zoo into a truly world-class educational and recreational attraction,” said Greg Bockheim, executive director of the Zoo. “I have worked closely with our board of directors throughout the design and construction of Asia – Trail of the Tiger, and the 2011 board brings some exciting and fresh ideas to the table. I feel fortunate to work with a group of people so dedicated to the Zoo.”

ZOO 2011 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Five new members will serve on the 2011 board of directors: Sue Bryant, a community volunteer; Catherine Dodd, a community leader; Virginia Henderson, from Commercial First Appraisers, LLC; Stacy Klevay, from Bank of America; and Susan Roady, a community leader.

The following 2010 board members will continue to serve on the 2011 board of directors:

Carolyn Betz (Asia campaign chair), community leader

David Brandt, Retail Alliance

Adam Casagrande, Williams Mullen

Robert Fiveash, Brand Fuel Promotions

Elizabeth Fraim (lifetime member), community leader

Eleanor Harris, community leader

Laura Miller, community leader

John Ramirez, Troutman Sanders, LLP

Roger Scheffel, Wilbanks, Smith & Thomas Asset Management, LLC

Margo Taylor, community leader

Clay Winn, Winn Nursery of Virginia, Inc.

Hal Yuill, First Potomac Management, LLC



Erik Cooper, president of the Virginia Zoo board of directors and president of Cooper Realty, Inc. (Photo courtesy of Erik Cooper).

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