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#### **DEG ELECTS NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Jim Wuthrich of Warner Bros. Is New Chair; Dan Cohen of ViacomCBS is Vice Chair

New members Disney+ and ESPN+ bring Disney back to DEG

LOS ANGELES (September 8, 2020) – DEG: The Digital Entertainment Group today announced its incoming Board of Directors and additional new member companies in the burgeoning direct-to-consumer video segment at the commencement of its 24<sup>th</sup> year as the home entertainment industry's leading trade association.

The new DEG members include A+E Networks, Amazon's Prime Video, Disney+, ESPN+, FilmRise, Peacock and ZOO Digital. A+E Networks, Amazon Prime Video, Disney+, ESPN+ and Peacock are also represented on DEG's D2C Alliance Steering Committee.

DEG's voting member companies elected the new Board of Directors to serve for the 2020-21 fiscal year (August 1 – July 31). New individuals joining the Board are **Jeremy Settle** of **AT&T**, **Rebecca Heap** of **Comcast**, **Michael Bonner** of **NBC Universal** and **Dan Cohen** of **ViacomCBS**.

A+E Networks, Disney and Xperi are member companies newly represented on the DEG Board.

A+E Networks is represented on the Board by Mark Garner, Disney is represented by Alisa Bowen, and Xperi is represented by Bill Neighbors. Neighbors is one of two Special Board Advisors. These appointed, non-voting seats are open to DEG member companies not currently eligible for the Board, including Associate and Affiliate Members.

The Officers of the DEG Board were elected to a two-year term in 2020 and will continue to serve through July 2022. Officers include Chair Jim Wuthrich of Warner Bros. Home Entertainment & Games; Vice Chair Dan Cohen of ViacomCBS Global Distribution Group; CFO Andrea Downing of PBS Distribution; Secretary Rick Hack of Intel; and Chair Emeritus Matt Strauss of Peacock.

"We welcome all of our new DEG Board Directors and are thrilled about the expanding participation of direct-to-consumer companies," said Amy Jo Smith, DEG President & CEO. "The Board and the Officers represent the diversity across our digital media ecosystem and they are a great group of people who want to actively participate to produce deliverables that meet the needs of our membership at this dynamic time."

## **DEG BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

# Officers of the Board (Fiscal Years 2020-22)

Chair

Jim Wuthrich

President

Warner Bros. Home Entertainment & Games

**Vice Chair** 

Dan Cohen

President

ViacomCBS Global Distribution Group

## **Chief Financial Officer**

# **Andrea Downing**

Co-President

**PBS** Distribution

#### Secretary

## Rick Hack

Head of Media & Entertainment Partnerships Intel

#### **Chair Emeritus**

## **Matt Strauss**

Chairman, Peacock and NBCUniversal Digital Enterprises

# **Board Members (Fiscal Year 2020-21)**

#### **Mark Garner**

Executive Vice President, Content Licensing and Business Development A+E Networks

## **Erol Kalafat**

Senior Technical Product Manager Amazon Studios

#### **Jeremy Settle**

Assistant Vice President, Video Analytics AT&T

# Rebecca Heap

Senior Vice President Video & Entertainment, Xfinity Consumer Services Comcast

## Alisa Bowen

SVP Operations
Disney Streaming Services

## **Mark Young**

Senior Vice President, Global Strategy, Corporate and Business Development Fandango, VUDU, FandangoNOW, & Rotten Tomatoes

## Jonathan Zepp

Media & Entertainment, Global Partnerships Google

#### Tim Alessi

Senior Director – Product Marketing LG Electronics

#### **Ron Schwartz**

President, Home Entertainment Lionsgate

## **Michael Bonner**

President, Universal Pictures Home Entertainment NBCUniversal

## Pedro E. Gutierrez Jr.

Director of Entertainment and Consumer Application Category Management Microsoft Corporation

#### **Bob Buchi**

President, Worldwide Paramount Home Entertainment

#### **Chad Bautista**

Director, CE Product Planning Samsung

## Cheryl K. Goodman

Head of Corporate Communications Sony Electronics

# **Special Board Advisors**

## **Robin Tarufelli**

Managing Director Deloitte

## **Bill Neighbors**

SVP, GM - Cinema, Digital Media & Streaming Solutions Xperi

The DEG advocates and promotes entertainment platforms, products and distribution channels that support the movie, television, music, consumer electronics and IT industries. DEG membership is comprised of: DEG membership is comprised of: A+E Networks, AT&T, Amazon Prime, Amazon Studios, AMC Theatres, BBC Studios, bitMAX, Blu, Cinelytic, Comcast Cable, DTS, Inc., Deloitte, Deluxe Digital, Disney+, Dolby Laboratories, ESPN+, Fandango, FilmRise, Giant Interactive, GfK Entertainment, Google Play, The Great Courses, HBO, IMAX, Intel, LG Electronics USA, IYUNO Media Services, Lionsgate, MGM, Microsoft, NPD Group, Ownzones, Paramount Home Entertainment, PBS Distribution, Peacock, Premiere Digital, Redbox, Reelgood, Row8, Samsung Electronics, Screen Engine/ASI, Snap Inc., Sonopress, Sony New Media Services, Sony Electronics, Technicolor, Universal Operations Group, Universal Pictures Home Entertainment, Verizon Digital Media Services, ViacomCBS, Vubiquity, Warner Bros. Home Entertainment, Whip Media and ZOO Digital.