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New Era begins today at the Wilder Foundation *Top staff and board leadership transitions* *at 104-year-old organization*

ST. PAUL, MN (June 24, 2010) At the monthly meeting of the Amherst H. Wilder Foundation Board of Directors today there was a transfer of leadership at both the staff and board levels.

Today marks the first official day of MayKao Y. Hang serving as Wilder's 6th President/CEO. Ms. Hang was unanimously promoted to this role by the Board of Directors at its April meeting, following a three year succession plan for Tom Kingston's retirement at age 65. Mr. Kingston retired today after 30 years with the Foundation, the past 20 as its President/CEO. Scores of well wishers attended a community reception earlier this week to honor Kingston's over 40 years of service to the East Metro area.

Ms. Hang served as the Foundation's Division Director of Children and Family Services since 2007. Prior to joining the Wilder Foundation, she served as Director of Adult Services for Ramsey County Human Services and as the Director of Resident Services for the St. Paul Public Housing Agency.

"It is a great honor to take the helm at the Wilder Foundation," said Hang. "It is a historical moment for many reasons. In this new era of change and transition in the field of human services, I am proud to help guide the Wilder Foundation's efforts to improve and strengthen our community."

Elizabeth M. (Sandy) Kiernat stepped down as Chair of the Board of Directors, a role she has held since 2000. Ms. Kiernat has served on the Foundation board since 1981 in several capacities and will remain a member in a non-officer role. The Foundation honored Ms. Kiernat by establishing the "Sandy Kiernat Community Service Award" and designated her as its first recipient. Following this inaugural year, the award will be given annually to one or more volunteers identified by the Foundation "as most exemplifying the spirit of community service demonstrated by Sandy Kiernat's long years of service to the Foundation and the greater community."

Robyn Hansen, who has served on Wilder's governing body since 2006, was elected its incoming Chair. Ms. Hansen is a shareholder at Leonard Street and Deinard, practicing in the area of public finance for more than 30 years. In addition to her service on the Wilder board, other civic activities include Board Member of the Minnesota State Fair Foundation, Capital City Partnership, and Park Square Theatre; Emeritus Member, Board

of Trustees, Metropolitan State University Foundation; and Past president, Minnesota Institute of Public Finance.

Two additional long-serving Board members round out the slate of officers - Barbara Roy was named Vice Chair and Malcolm McDonald re-elected as Secretary.

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About the Wilder Foundation

For more than 100 years, the Amherst H. Wilder Foundation has combined direct service, research and community development to address the needs of the most vulnerable people in greater Saint Paul. For more information on the Wilder Foundation, visit www.wilder.org