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**VICE CHAIR POSITION ADDED TO LOCAL PUBLIC MEDIA BOARD**  
Veteran Journalist Steps Up Leadership Role

Manning Pynn has been elected to the position of vice chair of the board of Carroll McKenney Foundation for Public Media, Inc.

The announcement was made by Judith M. Duda, chair of the non-profit public charity board after Pynn's unanimous election at the board's annual meeting on January 7 in Orlando.

Manning Pynn, 64, who is completing his first year as a trustee on the CMF board, has spent more than 40 years in journalism, beginning as a copyboy at *The Orlando Sentinel* in the 1960s and retiring recently as that newspaper's public editor. In between, he was a reporter and editor at *The Tampa Tribune* and at *The Miami Herald*, directing local, state, national, foreign and business newsgathering and, for eight years, chairing the *Sentinel's* editorial board. As public editor, Pynn was an officer and board member of the international Organization of News Ombudsmen. He is a native of Massachusetts but grew up in Central Florida. He has a degree in political science from the University of South Florida and now teaches journalism ethics at the University of Central Florida. Pynn and his wife have a daughter and son and live in Maitland.

At the same meeting, Duda was reelected for another one year term as chair. In addition to board officers Duda and Pynn, the following trustees were reelected to the board:

**Board Officers:**

President/CEO, Trustee --- Stephen McKenney Steck, former President and Chief Executive Officer, WMFE-TV & Radio

Treasurer and Trustee --- Aldo Vivona, former Senior VP and Chief Financial Officer, WMFE-TV & Radio

Secretary and Trustee --- Marena Grant Morrissey, Executive Director, Orlando Museum of Art

**Trustees:**

David Albertson, President, Albertson International

Linda W. Chapin, Director, Metropolitan Center for Regional Studies; former Orange County Mayor

Jose A. Fajardo, President and Chief Executive Officer, WMFE-TV & Radio

Desta L. Horner, Citizen Advocate; former Winter Springs High School teacher

Robert Kovacevich, Principal, Avatar Company

Bob Opsahl, Anchor, Eyewitness News, WFTV-Channel 9

Nanci Schwartz, President, TheCommConnection

Charles S. Stuart, President, Essence Marketing

Richard C. Steck II, Travel writer, Where To Go Next

Marjorie Bekaert Thomas, President, Ivanhoe Broadcast News

Emerson R. Thompson, Jr., Senior Judge, State of Florida

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2009, CMF produces and distributes its program content via the Internet about local issues and voices that matter in the form of short audio segments or features, and full length sound-rich audio programs and documentaries all available on-line via on-demand audio streaming and downloadable audio podcasts.

The CMF board has adopted a vision for CMF to become an established, unique and sustained Central Florida public media treasure, respected and utilized for its trusted program content and audio distribution methods and its collaborative relationship with like-minded Central Florida initiatives.

CMF's initial on-line audio content is produced under the series title *Central Florida Matters (CFM)* (visit here [www.cmfmedia.org](http://www.cmfmedia.org)) and *Heard in Central Florida (HCF)* (visit here <http://cmfmedia.org/section/hcf/>). *Central Florida Matters* is a collection of local features posted on-line every three weeks. *Heard in Central Florida* features a gavel-to-gavel presentation posted as produced of formal speeches and informal talks from panels or individual subject matter experts spoken at events produced by local civic organizations.

CMF's next board of trustees meeting – which is open to anyone – will be held at the Orlando Museum of Art on Tuesday, May 11, 2010 at 9am. Please subscribe to CMF's E-Letter by visiting [www.cmfmedia.org/subscribe](http://www.cmfmedia.org/subscribe).

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