

Annual Meeting

J. Michael Costello named new board chair; Brad Dimeo takes over resource development committee; and FM Global & Channel 12's Karen Adams walk away with awards



The award-winning FM Global United Way Campaign team poses with FM Global Chairman and CEO Shivan Subramaniam, far right, and UWRI's Carissa Hill, third from left.

A full agenda marked this year's United Way of Rhode Island (UWRI) annual meeting held in mid-October at the Providence Marriott.

In addition to electing a new Chair of the Board of Directors, J. Michael Costello, who is a managing partner of Endurance Wealth Management, Brad S. Dimeo, President of Dimeo Construction Co., stepped into the role of Chair of the Resource Development Committee. Also, at the meeting, attended by about 120 guests, FM Global received the 2009 Outstanding Corporate Partners Award, and Channel 12 news anchor Karen Adams accepted the John. H. Chafee Lifetime Community Service Award.

The new Chair Mr. Costello succeeded John Warren, Chairman and CEO of Washington Trust and Washington Trust Bancorp Inc. Mr. Dimeo takes over the reigns of the Resource Development Committee previously headed by William Hatfield of Bank of America.

Mr. Hatfield will continue to have a leadership role at UWRI. He was re-elected to UWRI's board as Secretary.

Commenting on the changing leadership for the Board, UWRI President and CEO Anthony Maione said, "Both Mike and Brad bring to their respective Board positions a strong presence and a lot of experience as leaders in our community. We're honored that such key members of our community are serving on our Board."

At the annual meeting, Mr. Warren was rewarded for his dedication, commitment and leadership as Board Chair for the past two years. "We say goodbye and offer heartfelt thanks to John who did an outstanding job and tirelessly volunteered for United Way,"

said Mr. Maione. “He was highly visible and always available to help out by either engaging donors or advancing the work of the board.”

FM Global, Rhode Island’s largest private company and one of the world’s largest business property insurers, was honored with the Corporate Partnership Award. The Johnston-based company’s 2008 contribution to United Way topped \$1 million, making it UWRI’s top corporate donor.

“At FM Global, we believe supporting the United Way is the most efficient and effective way to provide financial resources to where in the community it is needed most,” said FM Global Chairman and CEO Shivan Subramaniam. He asked the team at FM Global who coordinate the United Way campaign to stand. “We are proud to have supported the United Way of Rhode Island for more than 75 years.”

“We are honored to salute FM Global. The employees, retirees and the company give generously to United Way,” said Mr. Maione. “FM Global is unique in that for every \$1 an employee donates the company matches it with \$2.”

Zechariah Chafee, the son of late R.I. Sen. John Chafee, presented Channel 12’s Karen Adams with the prestigious John. H. Chafee Lifetime Community Service Award. The award is given to a person in the Rhode Island community who has consistently shown dedication and action on behalf of under served people. For the past two years, Ms. Adams has donated her time as the host of United Way’s campaign as well as given her time to help multiple charities.

Other new appointments to the UWRI Board of Directors were Doris Blanchard of Sovereign Bank and Rev. Matthew Kai of R.I. State Council for Churches/Tabernacle Church. Rev. Kai also was elected as a new member to the United Way’s Community Advisory Board.

In addition to Mr. Costello, Mr. Dimeo, Mr. Hatfield and Mr. Maione, other re-appointments to the Board included Barbara J. Silvis, in a dual role as First Vice Chair, Board of Directors, and Vice Chair, Community Investment and Public Policy; Jennifer L. Wood, treasurer; and Christopher Medici and Donna Sams, both vice chairs of Community Investment and Public Policy.

New appointments to the Community Advisory Board, in addition to Rev. Kai, were Betty Bernal, American Cancer Society; Kas DeCarvalho, Kaslaw LLC; and Sixcia Devine, Johnson & Wales Small Business Development.

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