



Chabot Space & Science Center Announces Director of Finance and Facilities

24 August 2006 -- (Oakland, CA) Chabot Space & Science Center is pleased to announce the appointment of Jill Knowland as the Center's new Director of Finance and Facilities. Ms. Knowland has over 13 years experience in accounting, business management, software selection, implementation and training. For the past several months, she has been working as a financial consultant for Chabot and will commence full-time duties as Director at the end of August. She will be responsible for Chabot's financial management, accounting, business controls, and external financial relations. She will also serve as a member of the senior management team and provide financial forecasts and analysis to the Board of Director's Finance Committee.

"I am very excited to be a part of Chabot" said Knowland. "I have a deep investment in the City and feel that the Center is one of its shining stars. I look forward to utilizing my years of experience in public accounting and business management in guiding the finances and operation of the organization."

In 1999, Jill founded Libris Solutions, an Oakland software selection and implementation consulting company that focused on the nonprofit sector, servicing Blackbaud clients and products. This past year she has served as the CFO for Building Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency (BOSS), a Berkeley nonprofit dedicated to helping homeless, poor, and disabled people achieve health and self-sufficiency. Previously, she was Vice President of Kono Consulting and established the software consulting department at certified public accounting firm, Burr, Pilger & Mayer. She is a graduate of California State University Hayward, and holds a BS in Business Management.

"We are very pleased that Jill has agreed to come on board," said Alex Barnett, Chabot's executive director. "She possesses exceptional skills and experience that will strengthen our management team, stabilize our finances, and carry us forward into the next phase of our development."

GENERAL INFORMATION

Chabot Space and Science Center, a Smithsonian affiliate, is a 501c3 nonprofit teaching and learning center focusing on astronomy and the inter-relationships of all the sciences. Its observatory, planetarium, exhibits, and natural park setting are a place where a diverse population of students, teachers, and the public can imagine, understand, and learn to shape their future through science.

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