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## DACOR Elects New Leadership Team for 2021-22

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WASHINGTON, D.C. A new set of officers has assumed the leadership of DACOR, an organization of foreign affairs professionals **based in the nation's** capital and founded in 1952.

DACOR's 1,500 members, both active duty and retired, work to support diplomacy, the Foreign Service, to advance public understanding of diplomacy, and to preserve the historic DACOR Bacon House, **one of the Capital's premier** settings for discussion and debate of international issues. DACOR and its sister non-profit organization DACOR Bacon House Foundation (DBHF) host foreign affairs workshops for teachers, provide graduate and undergraduate scholarships, operate college mentoring programs, and host an annual foreign affairs conference and weekly speaker programs for its members and their guests.

James Dandridge II, a Senior Foreign Service officer (ret.), is the new president of DACOR and DBHF. Mr. Dandridge led a slate of officers elected at the May 27 meeting of the DACOR Board of Governors/Trustees convened at a newly reopened DACOR Bacon House. Mr. Dandridge, who previously served as vice president, succeeds Senior Foreign Service Officer (ret.) Paul Denig who served as DACOR president since 2019.

Mr. Dandridge joined DACOR in 1997 upon retirement as a career Senior Foreign Service Officer with the rank of Minister Counselor. His last Foreign **Service posting was Senior Advisor during the Department of State's** conversion of the Bureau of International Narcotics Matters to the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs. He spent twenty years in

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retirement as a senior inspector and compliance officer in the Office of Inspector General. He also was active in the foreign affairs community and is the 2008 recipient of the Director **General's Cup** for the Foreign Service. Prior to his final Foreign Service assignment with the State Department, he spent 18 years with the U.S. Information Agency with postings to diplomatic missions in India, Brazil, Bolivia, and Chile with a mixture of assignments as Public Diplomacy Counselor and *charge d'affairs ad interim*.

A native of Birmingham, Alabama, Mr. Dandridge grew up in Selma and graduated from Central High School in Mobile. He received his BA from Howard University in Washington, D.C., followed by International Affairs Studies at American University and an MA in Government Studies at Georgetown University.

Since joining DACOR, he has served on the Board of Governors/Trustees, the Membership Committee and chaired the Strategic Plan Committee and the Friends of DACOR Task Force, and the Executive Committee.

The newly installed Vice President Angela Dickey is a retired Foreign Service officer who previously **served as DACOR Secretary**. **Ms. Dickey also serves as chair of DACOR's Task Force 2025** that is planning a series of events to commemorate the bicentennial of DACOR Bacon House in 2025. While serving as a Foreign Service officer from 1988 to 2013, her foreign postings included Canada, Mauritania, Yemen, Vietnam and twice in Laos, most recently as deputy to the U.S. Ambassador. At the Department of State, she served variously as Iraq desk officer, Philippines desk officer and office director for Maritime Southeast Asia. She earned **her bachelor's degree in French and political science from Berry College in Rome, GA, and a master's degree in international relations from Georgetown University and in journalism from the University of Maryland.**

Elected treasurer, Richard Morford served 33 years as a Foreign Service Officer, retiring in 2004 with the rank of Minister Counselor. He specialized in economic issues and served overseas as Deputy Chief of Mission in the U.S. Mission to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in Paris and as Minister Counselor for Economic Affairs in Korea. Domestically, he was Director for European Union and Regional Affairs and Senior Advisor for Economics on the Policy Planning Staff, working also in the East Asian and Economic bureaus. His last assignment at the State Department was Coordinator for the Millennium Challenge Account, becoming **one of the new Corporation's first** employees, serving as a Managing Director until late 2009. At DACOR he has been a long-time member of the Board of Governors and the Executive Committee. As co-chair of the **Development Committee, he led the effort to establish DACOR's first strategic plan. He holds a B.A. in economics from Wabash College and an MPA from Harvard.**

Elizabeth Warner, a lawyer and educator, is the newly elected DACOR secretary. She currently serves as an adjunct professor at New England College where she teaches courses in law and political science. In addition to many years spent in private practice in the U.S.,

Ms. Warner lived and worked throughout Europe, the Middle East and Asia for 14 years, most recently for an international NGO dedicated to protecting rights to freedom of speech, assembly and association. She received her law degree from the University of Michigan and an LLM in International and Comparative Law from Georgetown University Law Center. She also serves as DACOR's archivist.

Robert Reis, Jr., a retired Foreign Service Officer, will continue to serve in the appointed position of Assistant Treasurer.

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*DACOR's new officers (left to right): Richard Morford, Treasurer; Elizabeth Warner, Secretary; Angela Dickey, Vice President; James Dandridge II, President.*