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WOODS CHARITABLE FUND ELECTS NEW BOARD MEMBER, OFFICERS

Woods Charitable Fund, Inc., a private grant-making foundation, announces the election of officers and a new member to its Board of Directors. **Carl Eskridge** was elected to the Board during the Fund's November Board meeting.

A city council representative for central and northwest Lincoln since May 2011, Eskridge also is deputy state ombudsman for the Nebraska Office of Public Counsel. He is a member of the Mayor's Multicultural Advisory Committee, the Joint Budget Committee of the City Council and County Board, chairman of the Internal Liquor Committee of the city council and a council contact for the Downtown Lincoln Association. He previously has been the executive director of Common Cause/Nebraska and a minister with Homestead Presbytery, both in Lincoln. He is a board member of NeighborWorks Lincoln and has previously held chairman or vice chairman positions with the Lux Center for the Arts, MEDICI, Nebraskans for the Arts, the Lincoln Arts Council, the Advisory Counsel for Office of Dispute Resolution with the Nebraska Supreme Court and others.

Eskridge has a juris doctorate from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and a doctorate of ministry from the San Francisco Theological Seminary in San Anselmo, Calif.

"Carl's experience and perspective will be valuable to the Fund as it strives to make the best grant-making decisions," said Tom Woods, president of Woods Charitable Fund.

Woods Charitable Fund also elected officers at its November meeting. Those elected were **Donna W. Woods**, chairwoman; **Kathleen Rutledge**, vice chairwoman; **Hank Woods**, treasurer; **Michael J. Tavlin**, assistant treasurer; and **Tom Woods**, president and board secretary. **Nelle Woods Jamison**, **Orville Jones III** and **Ernie Castillo** are continuing members of the Board.

Woods Charitable Fund Inc. makes grants three times a year to tax-exempt organizations seeking funding for programs in the areas of Human Services, Civic & Community, Education, and Arts & Culture.