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### **Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum Appoints Four New Trustees to Board**

**CHICAGO** (April 28, 2009) – The Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum has appointed four new members to its Board of Trustees – Anna Brown, Alderman Vi Daley, Don Delves and David Hackett. They will assume their positions in June when they officially are elected to their three-year term.

The Board of Trustees is the governing organization of the Chicago Academy of Sciences and its Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum. The now 42-member Board supports the Museum’s mission of nature and science education in Chicago.

“These four individuals believe in what the Museum has developed over the past 10 years, and share our passion for its continued growth,” said Charles Douglas, chairman of the Board of Trustees. “They all bring a unique perspective and expertise that will allow the Museum to help even more people learn about our urban nature and the environment.”

- **Anna Brown** has been a long time supporter of the Nature Museum. She is co-chair of the 2009 Butterfly Ball, set for May 1, the Museum’s largest fundraiser.
- **Vi Daley** is City Council Alderman for Chicago's 43rd ward, which includes the Lincoln Park and Old Town neighborhoods. Daley has been an active member of the communities she has served for 32 years, encouraging her constituents to get involved in various city wide green initiatives, including recycling efforts and Mayor Daley's Spring Clean and Green Day.
- **Don Delves** is founder and president of The Delves Group. He comes to the board with a wealth of experience consulting corporate executives and boards of directors in driving exceptional performance.
- **David Hackett** is a partner and head of the North American Banking, Finance and Major Projects Group at Baker & McKenzie LLP. He will bring his years of legal work in international environmental matters to the board.

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### **About the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum**

*Celebrating more than 150 years of science exploration and education, the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum is the teaching and learning center of the Chicago Academy of Sciences, founded in 1857 as Chicago's first museum dedicated to educating Chicagoans about nature and science through the preservation and display of native specimens, classroom activities, and dissemination of scientific knowledge.*

*Today the Nature Museum continues the Academy's tradition of education about nature in greater Chicago, research, and conservation through participatory exhibits and programs, educational outreach, and ongoing scientific activity. Its collections, due to their age and type, are among the most important in the region. The Museum's distinctive experience includes extensive involvement in schools and classrooms, and the opportunities for visitors to learn about nature up close.*

*Since its opening 10 years ago, the Nature Museum has welcomed more than 1.8 million visitors and provides hands-on exhibitions and programs to 70,000 students annually and trains and provides resources for more than 1,500 Chicago teachers in over 430 schools. The Nature Museum engages visitors, especially urban dwellers, in new ways to connect with and preserve the natural world through a unique indoor/outdoor experience. The Museum is one of the city's best examples of eco-friendly building technology with lush outdoor nature trails and habitat, green roof, rain barrels and solar panels.*

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