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## **HUMANITIES WASHINGTON NAMES JULIE ZIEGLER INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

SEATTLE -- Humanities Washington has named Julie Ziegler its Interim Executive Director. A multi-term trustee of Humanities Washington, Ziegler is committed to the mission of the organization and well-positioned to lead its work until a permanent executive director is named.

An eight-year board member (1998-2004 and 2006-present) Ziegler has served as chair of the Grants, Development, and Finance Committees in addition to several years on the Executive Committee.

Ziegler has a great deal of professional experience in program and partnership development, philanthropy, and marketing. While at Safeco Insurance, she managed their national grants program and several outreach programs. Prior to that, she worked as Northwest Regional Manager of the Bank of America Foundation.

“We are thrilled that Julie has stepped up to serve as Interim Executive Director for Humanities Washington,” said Susannah Malarkey, board chair for Humanities Washington. “She knows our programs extremely well and has a real passion for the work of the organization. Her strong background in philanthropy and marketing will be especially helpful as we continue to make a statewide impact while conducting our search for a new permanent executive director.”

Humanities Washington’s board of trustees has started its search for a permanent executive director and anticipates posting the position by the end of February.

Ziegler replaces outgoing Executive Director Ted Lord who resigned in December 2008 to return to philanthropic and organizational consulting and teaching.

**Humanities Washington** is the only statewide organization dedicated to the humanities and is dedicated to providing humanities programs that nurture creativity, promote dialogue, and spark critical thinking. Its programs include grants for humanities projects; Motherread/Fatheread, a literacy program that strengthens families; Inquiring Minds, a speakers bureau featuring dynamic presenters on a broad range of humanities topics; and its Exhibits program which brings Smithsonian exhibitions to small, rural museums.