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LEADERSHIP TRANSITION AT HUMANITIES WASHINGTON

After two and a half years at the helm of Humanities Washington, Executive Director Ted Lord will step down as of December 31, 2008 to return to his work as a consultant for philanthropic and non-profit organizations. "I'm grateful for all I've learned about the work of organizations and volunteers across our state to foster increased reflection and dialogue in service to the humanities ideal that 'democracy demands wisdom and vision in its citizens.'"

"Ted has helped position the organization for our next 35 years," said Susannah Malarkey, outgoing Board President and Executive Director of the Technology Alliance. "We have a strategic plan that has already helped us double our community grants, trim operating expenses, and extend the reach of our programs into 36 of Washington's 39 counties. Ted helped us to reach out and make new connections in the community and in government," added Julie Ziegler, incoming Board Chair and former director of giving at both Safeco Insurance and Bank of America. "During his tenure, we secured first-time funding from the State of Washington for our Inquiring Mind program and partnered with the Washington State Arts Commission in garnering support for the first state Poet Laureate."

Humanities Washington will begin a search for its next staff leader this winter. For contact information and information about our programs please visit www.humanities.org.