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### **El Pomar Foundation Welcomes New Trustees**

**Colorado Springs, Colo. — March 20, 2023** - El Pomar Foundation is pleased to announce the election of new members to the Foundation's Board of Trustees, and other changes. In its March Trustees' meeting, the Board welcomed the following new Trustees, effective April 1, 2023:

#### **Mike Edmonds, Ph.D.**

As Senior Vice President of Staff at Colorado College, where he has worked since 1991, and from where he has announced he is retiring this spring, Dr. Edmonds resides in Colorado Springs. He served as CC's Acting Co-President for the 2020-2021 academic year and as Dean of Students/Vice President for Student Affairs from 1991-2020. Edmonds is an executive in residence at CC's Economics and Business Department where he teaches Business Communications. Highly engaged in community, Dr. Edmonds has served on more than 25 civic and nonprofit boards, committees, and commissions.



#### **Amy Humble**

An El Pomar Fellowship alumna from the Class of 2007, Amy Humble resides in Steamboat Springs and is President and Co-Founder of Disruption Advisors, an Inc. 5000 fastest growing company. Disruption Advisors, a leadership development company, grows individuals, teams, and companies by providing solutions around transformation, leadership effectiveness and cultural ecosystems. Among other roles, Ms. Humble previously served as Chief of Staff to Jim Collins (author of Good to Great) where she managed strategy labs and conducted coaching for CEOs from Fortune 500 and Inc. 5000 companies.



#### **Emily Robinson**

A member of El Pomar's Metro Regional Council since 2015, Emily Robinson resides in the Denver Metro area. In 2022, she retired as Chief Operating Officer of FirstBank after a 29-year career, which included officer and President roles including Regional President of Northwest Metro Denver and California. Ms. Robinson has served on the State of Colorado's Banking Board and currently serves, or has served, on numerous civic, community, health, economic and development boards.



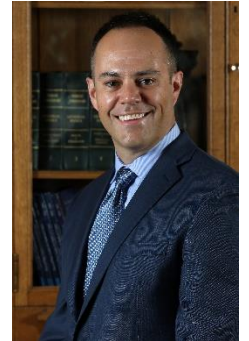
"We are pleased and proud to welcome Mike, Amy and Emily to our Board of Trustees," said El Pomar Chairman, Bill Hybl. "These three individuals have been extraordinary partners and collaborators with El Pomar, and each is deeply committed to Colorado's communities and people."

## El Pomar Foundation Announces Transitions in its Board Composition

In addition to welcoming new Trustees, the Board also announces two Trustee transitions as **Erik Estrada's** term as Fellowship Alumni Trustee ends and he begins a term as a Charter Trustee, and longtime Trustee **Judy Bell** departs as a Charter Trustee and is elected Trustee Emerita:

### Erik Estrada

Erik Estrada serves as Senior Associate at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati and resides in Boulder, Colorado. Mr. Estrada practices corporate and securities law with a focus on corporate governance, public company representation, public offerings, and mergers and acquisitions. He has extensive in-house counsel and senior leadership experience with Nasdaq-listed and Fortune 500 companies and in private law firm practice. Prior to law school, he served as a Program Officer for Boettcher Foundation and as a Fellow with El Pomar Foundation. Mr. Estrada serves or has served on numerous community, civic and state boards.



### Judy Bell

Judy Bell has been an El Pomar Trustee since 1996 and will now serve in the capacity of Trustee Emerita. Ms. Bell was President of United States Golf Association (USGA) in 1996 and 1997, the first woman to hold the position and one of only two in USGA history. She competed in 38 USGA events and was the first woman to join the USGA Executive Committee in 1987. Ms. Bell has been inducted into 14 golf and sports halls of fame including World Golf Hall of Fame, Colorado Golf Hall of Fame and Colorado Sports Hall of Fame. She served as a director of Bank One and owned restaurants and retail businesses including Bell's Deli in Colorado Springs.



“Both Erik and Judy have been tremendous contributors on El Pomar’s Board, bringing unique perspectives and backgrounds, and in Erik’s case the voice of Fellowship alumni,” added El Pomar Chairman, Bill Hybl. “We will benefit greatly from their continued expertise, institutional knowledge and passion for the state of Colorado.”

El Pomar’s Trustees contribute valuable insights from a range of sectors and industries including business, education, legal, marketing, military, nonprofit and sports. They are instrumental to the work of the Foundation, gathering at least quarterly to meet on governance and investment oversight and to review and approve all grant applications, proposals and awards. Trustees also serve on the Foundation’s 11 Regional Councils all around the state.

With these new Trustees and transitions, El Pomar’s Board of Trustees includes: **William J. Hybl**, Chairman; **Dave Palenchar**, Vice Chairman; **R. Thayer Tutt, Jr.**, Vice Chairman and Chief Investment Officer; **Kyle H. Hybl**, President and CEO; **Matt Carpenter**, Exec. Vice President and Chief Operating Officer; **Andrea Aragon**; **Colonel Gail Colvin**, USAF, Retired; **Mike Edmonds**; **Erik Estrada**; **Nechie Hall**; **Amy Humble** (Fellowship Alumni Trustee); **Emily Robinson**; **William Ward**; and **Judy Bell** (Trustee Emerita).

*El Pomar Foundation is one of the largest and oldest private foundations in Colorado, contributing approximately \$25 million annually through grants in the areas of arts and culture, civic and community initiatives, education, health and human services, as well as community stewardship and leadership development programs to support Colorado nonprofit organizations. Spencer and Julie Penrose founded El Pomar in 1937 with the mission to enhance, encourage and promote the current and future well-being of the people of Colorado.*