Saunders Takes Office as Chairman of Foundation Board

Thomas A. Saunders III of New York has begun his tenure as chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Thomas Jefferson Foundation.


Taking over for Saunders as the board’s vice chairman is Rebecca W. Rimel of Philadelphia.

The board’s new treasurer is Jeffrey C. Walker of Wilton, Conn. He replaced Albert D. Ernest, Jr., of Jacksonville, Fla., who remains a member of the board.

Hunter J. Smith of Charlottesville has retained her position as secretary.

The new officers assumed their duties Jan. 1.

Saunders is founder and general partner of Saunders Karp and Megru, a New York private equity firm. The holder of a bachelor’s degree from Virginia Military Institute and a master’s from the University of Virginia’s Darden Graduate School of Business Administration, he sits on the Board of Visitors of UVa. A member of the TJF board since 1997, Saunders also serves as chairman of Monticello’s current fund-raising effort, Jefferson Lives: A Campaign for Monticello in the Twenty-first Century.

Rimel is president of The Pew Charitable Trusts, one of the largest charitable foundations in the country.
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A graduate of the nursing program at UVa, she joined the TJF board in 1994.

Walker is vice chairman of J.P. Morgan Chase & Co. and managing partner of J.P. Morgan Partners, the corporation’s private equity division. A 1977 graduate of UVa’s McIntire School of Commerce and the holder of an M.B.A. from Harvard University, he joined the Foundation board in 2001.