Foundation board now headed by Walker

Jeffrey C. Walker is settling into his position as chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Thomas Jefferson Foundation, Inc.

Walker, most recently the board’s vice chairman and treasurer, was elected in April to succeed Thomas A. Saunders III of New York, who resigned as chairman but will remain a trustee until his term expires at the end of this year.

Alice W. Handy of Charlottesville, most recently board secretary, was elected to succeed Walker as vice chairman and treasurer, and board member Mrs. Martin S. (Luella) Davis of Greens Farms, Conn., was elected to succeed Handy as secretary.

The elections were held during the 16-member board’s spring meeting at Monticello. The officers’ terms became effective immediately.

“Tom Saunders provided outstanding leadership as chairman, and for that we are very grateful,” Foundation President Daniel P. Jordan said. “Monticello is truly fortunate to have someone of Jeff Walker’s enormous talent at the helm during a vital phase of the Foundation’s evolution.”

During Saunders’ tenure as chairman, which began in 2002, the Foundation completed a number of significant projects and initiatives, including the $100 million Jefferson Lives campaign, Saunders Bridge, the Saunders-Monticello Trail, and the Jefferson Library. A member of the TJF board since 1997, Saunders was a founding partner of Saunders Karp & Megrue, a private merchant bank in New York.


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The holder of a bachelor’s degree from the University of Virginia and an M.B.A. from Harvard University, he is currently managing partner of JPMorgan Partners, JPMorgan Chase & Co.’s global private equity group, and a member of the executive committee and vice chairman of JPMorgan Chase, the New York-based financial services firm.

Handy became a Foundation trustee in 1999 and began serving as secretary in 2004. Formerly treasurer of the University of Virginia and president of the University of Virginia Investment Management Company, she is the founder and president of Investure, a private investment firm based in Charlottesville.

Mrs. Davis joined the TJF board in 1999, filling out the term of her late husband, Martin S. Davis. She was elected in her own right to a full term beginning in 2003, and currently heads the board’s buildings and grounds committee.

The TJF board’s other officer is J. Stewart Bryan III of Richmond, who has been vice chairman since 2004. A trustee since 2002, he is chairman of Richmond-based Media General, Inc., a publicly owned company that operates newspapers, television stations and online enterprises, primarily in the Southeast.