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Naples, FL - Audubon of the Western Everglades (AWE), the oldest conservation organization in Collier County and dedicated to “Defending Southwest Florida’s Natural Resources and Wildlife” announces several changes in its Board of Directors.

P.J. Marinelli announces that he has stepped down as President of AWE after 5 years as President. Mr. Marinelli is President of Riverglades Multi Family Offices LLC, a registered investment organization in Naples, and has served on the Board of Directors of AWE since 2009. In addition to his leadership as AWE’s President, Marinelli facilitated educational swamp walks for many years with the Friends of Fakahatchee Strand State Preserve and AWE. Marinelli will continue to serve on AWE’s Board.

The Board of Directors announces that Eileen Arsenault has been elected President of AWE. Mrs. Arsenault has served on AWE’s Board in many capacities for over 20 years, most recently as program chair for AWE, bringing quality environmental presentations to the general public. She is a past President of AWE and a founding member of the Southwest Florida Land Preservation Trust, on whose board she still sits. She has served on the boards of the Florida Audubon Society, the Environmental Coalition of Southwest Florida (ECOSWF), and currently is on the board of Young Audiences for Learning. Eileen, with her husband Paul, owns and operates The Arsenault Studio and Banyan Arts Gallery in Old Naples.

Incoming President Arsenault remarks, “AWE is indebted to P.J. Marinelli for his dedicated service as President over these past many years and looks forward to his continued contribution during these challenging times for Southwest Florida. I am humbled by the responsibilities I have assumed, and I welcome support of and interaction with our region’s environmental community, as we all strive to protect our precious water and wildlife”.

The Board of Directors also announced several other Board changes and additions. Ken Humiston will serve as Vice President of AWE’s Board. Humiston has served on the AWE Board for 5 years and has been an active member of AWE’s conservation committee. Ken has 42 years experience in coastal engineering and is a member of the Board of Directors of the American Shore and Beach Preservation Association, where he received the James Purpura engineer of the year award in 2012. Humiston is co-founder and President of Humiston and Moore Engineers in Naples where he serves as senior consultant. Humiston and Moore specializes in beach restoration and re-nourishment and development of erosion control and inlet management strategies.

Finally the Board is pleased to announce two new additions to their Board of Directors. Charles Dauray joined the Board in June. Mr. Dauray is currently Chairman and CEO of the College of Life Foundation which is dedicated to the preservation of Southwest Florida’s history with an emphasis on the Koreshans. He also served as Vice Chairman of the South Florida Water Management District Governing Board from

2007 to 2011. He is Chairman of the Estero Historic Preservation Citizens Committee, President of the Estero Historical Society, and Trustee of the Estero Community Improvement Foundation.

Joining the Board in May is Edward Tamson, Ph.D. Dr. Tamson has over 35 years experience in corporate consulting specializing in market research, survey methodology and performance based solutions for Fortune 1000 firms. He is the owner of Performance Dimensions International, LLC. He also is currently President of the Naples Backcountry Fly Fishing Club, Snook Foundation Board member, and the Florida representative of the Teddy Roosevelt Conservation Foundation. Tamson has recently facilitated a comprehensive strategic planning effort for AWE.

Arsenault states: "These are welcome additions to AWE's Board whose expertise will significantly advance AWE's conservation mission. AWE will continue to seek out additional new leadership and dedicated citizens who can contribute to our goal of continuing to make Southwest Florida the most environmentally sound community we can be."

Founded in 1961, Audubon of the Western Everglades has employed two full-time environmental policy staff since 2001, accomplishing many conservation victories on habitat and wetlands protection and restoration, smart growth policies, and progress on imperiled species recovery, including especially wood storks, Florida panthers and coastal nesting and migratory birds. AWE also funds regional scale environmental education for our children, presents an annual well-attended program series, and leads thirty popular field trips each year. For more information about AWE, please visit www.audubonwe.org, or call 239-643-7822.

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