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INDIANAPOLIS, IN, December 1, 2011 – The Indianapolis Museum of Art (IMA) today announced that the Board of Governors has appointed a 14-member search committee tasked with finding the museum's next Melvin and Bren Simon Director & CEO. Maxwell L. Anderson will step down as the Melvin & Bren Simon Director and CEO of the IMA on December 31, 2011, as he has been appointed the Eugene McDermott Director of the Dallas Museum of Art.

Tom Hiatt, secretary of the IMA Board of Governors, is the chair of the search committee. Other search committee members include:

- Sergio Aguilera, current member, IMA Board of Governors
- Dan Appel, former chair, IMA Board of Governors, 2006 to 2008
- Gay Barclay, current member, IMA Board of Governors
- Michelle Griffith, current member, IMA Board of Governors
- Rick Johnson, current vice chair, IMA Board of Governors
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- John Thompson, former chair, IMA Board of Governors, 2004 to 2006
- Anna White, former chair, IMA Board of Governors, 1990 to 1993
- Dick Wood, former chair, IMA Board of Governors, 1995 to 1998

The search is expected to take six months to one year. Until the next director and CEO is appointed, a nine-member team is tasked with leading the museum in conjunction with members of the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors.

About the Indianapolis Museum of Art

Encompassing 152 acres of gardens and grounds, the Indianapolis Museum of Art is among the 10 oldest and 10 largest encyclopedic art museums in the United States, and features significant collections of African, American, Asian, European and contemporary art, as well as a newly established collection of design arts. The IMA offers visitors an expansive view of arts and culture through its collection of more than 54,000 works of art that span 5,000 years of history from across the world's continents. The collections include paintings, sculpture, furniture and design objects, prints, drawings and photographs, as well as textiles and costumes.

Additionally, art, design, and nature are featured at 100 Acres: The Virginia B. Fairbanks Art & Nature Park and Oldfields–Lilly House & Gardens, an historic Country Place Era estate and National Historic Landmark on the IMA grounds. Beyond the Indianapolis campus, in May 2011 the IMA opened to the public the recently acquired landmark Miller House and Garden in Columbus, Indiana. One of the country's most highly regarded examples of mid-century Modernist residences, the Miller House was designed by Eero Saarinen, with interiors by Alexander Girard, and landscape design by Dan Kiley.

Recognizing the IMA's positive impact on its community, the Museum was named a recipient of the 2009 National Medal for Museum and Library Services – the nation's highest honor for museums and libraries. The IMA's commitment to free general admission, programming for schools and teachers, environmental leadership and online initiatives were among cited community contributions in the Museum's selection for the award.

Located at 4000 Michigan Road, the IMA and Lilly House are open Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday and Friday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. The IMA is closed Mondays and Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's days. For more information, call 317-923-1331 or visit www.imamuseum.org.

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