CARNEGIE SCIENCE CENTER BOARD WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

ZOBER AND CRAIGHEAD

PITTSBURGH, June 7, 2011 — Yarone Zober and Roderick Craighead have joined the Carnegie Science Center board of directors.

Yarone Zober, chief of staff for Pittsburgh Mayor Luke Ravenstahl, is chairman of the board for the Urban Redevelopment Authority and the Pittsburgh Economic Industrial Development Corporation. He also serves as a commissioner for the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission as well as on the boards of Riverlife and the Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership.

Previously, Zober served as chair of the Public Parking Authority of Pittsburgh; chair of the Pittsburgh Housing Development Corporation; Vice President of the Highland Park Community Development Corporation; President of the Pennsylvania Young Democrats; on the Allegheny County Transition Team, Economic Development Committee; the Pennsylvania Business Tax Reform Commission; the City of Pittsburgh Reapportionment Committee; and City of Pittsburgh Advisory Committee on Community Based Organizations.

Zober served as city policy director and director of General Services for Mayor Bob O’Connor, who appointed him as Deputy Mayor, a position that he held until Mayor Ravenstahl took office on September 1, 2006. Prior to joining the Mayor’s Office, Zober was an attorney with Reed Smith, LLP, and also Obermeyer Rebmann Maxwell & Hippel.

Zober graduated magna cum laude from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. His honors there included membership in the Order of the Coif, appointment to the University of Pittsburgh Law Review, and recipient of the Dean’s Scholarship for three years. He also earned a Master of Public Management degree from Carnegie Mellon University’s Heinz School, and graduated magna cum laude from the University of Pittsburgh.

In 2004, Zober was chosen as one of the “40 Under 40” honorees by PITTSBURGH magazine and PUMP. He currently lives in the Highland Park neighborhood of Pittsburgh with his wife Tiffany and daughter.

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Roderick Craighead, Jr. is director of Emerging Alliances & Shared Business Services for Highmark.

In his previous role as Highmark's manager of Diversity and Affirmative Action, Mr. Craighead was responsible for developing, implementing, monitoring and measuring the internal and external diversity and affirmative action strategies for Highmark's 11,000 employees and subsidiaries. He and his team are credited with developing Highmark's first comprehensive corporate diversity and inclusion strategic plan.

Before Highmark, Craighead was the business operations process analyst for the University of Pittsburgh's Student Financial Services Budget and Controller's office. Before that, he served as the regional director of Northeast Business Operations and Regional Compliance Officer for Whitman Education Group in New York City. In this position, Craighead led business operations, compliance, strategic planning, process improvement and organizational effectiveness.

Craighead is a member of the Conference Board's Supplier Diversity Council and previously served on the Conference Board's Diversity and Inclusion Council. Craighead also serves on the Board of Directors for the National Minority Supplier Development Council’s Western Pennsylvania Minority Supplier Development Council.

Active in the community and advocate for diversity, he often speaks on a variety of topics related to workforce diversity, economic inclusion and corporate diversity management to local universities, corporations, community organizations, business leaders, and interest groups. His award winning department has received various awards and recognition for its supplier diversity efforts and commitment to economic inclusion.

Craighead is a graduate of the Heinz College of Public Policy and Management at Carnegie Mellon University, which honored him with the 2010 Otto A. Davis Award for his commitment to social and racial justice. He also holds a bachelor’s degree in psychology from Delaware State University.

He lives in Swissvale with his wife Summarae and three children.

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Carnegie Science Center is dedicated to inspiring learning and curiosity by connecting science and technology with everyday life. By making science both relevant and fun, the Science Center's goal is to increase science literacy in the region and motivate young people to seek careers in science and technology. One of the four Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh, the Science Center is Pittsburgh's premier science exploration destination, reaching more than 700,000 people annually through its hands-on exhibits, camps, classes and off-site education programs.

About Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh
Founded by Andrew Carnegie in 1895, Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh is a collection of four distinctive museums dedicated to exploration through art and science: Carnegie Museum of Art, Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Carnegie Science Center, and The Andy Warhol Museum. Annually, the museums reach more than 1.2 million people through exhibitions, educational programs, outreach activities, and special events.

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