Gainor B. Davis Steps Down as CEO of WRHS. Kelly Falcone-Hall to Serve in Interim during National Search.

Gainor B. Davis, has announced that she will be leaving her post as president and CEO of the Western Reserve Historical Society (WRHS) in Cleveland, Ohio effective December 14, 2013. Kelly Falcone-Hall, current COO, will assist in the transition and will serve as interim CEO while WRHS conducts a national search for Davis’s replacement.

“Gainor Davis led the Society through a critical period of development,” says Don Dailey, chairman of the WRHS Board of Directors. “She stabilized our finances, reorganized programs and personnel, and helped position us for a new era of growth and service to the community. All planned initiatives are moving ahead on schedule, and we eagerly look forward to the Society’s 150th anniversary in 2017.”

Falcone-Hall joined WRHS in 1995. She has served in positions of increasing responsibility, including vice president of the Hale Farm and Village and vice president of Institutional Advancement. “Kelly’s shared commitment to teamwork, transparency and fiscal responsibility will sustain the Society’s momentum toward its 150th Anniversary goals,” says Dailey.

Falcone-Hall holds a Master’s Degree in American History from Cleveland State University. “It’s an honor to have a leadership role in this outstanding institution,” says Falcone-Hall. “During the executive search, I will work closely with the Board and staff to assure a seamless transition. Together, we can accelerate the momentum of our current success and serve as an ever-more valuable resource to the people of Northeast Ohio.”

Founded in 1867, Western Reserve Historical Society (WRHS) is Northeast Ohio’s premier storyteller based on its vast collection of the tangible history of Northeast Ohio—such as: automobiles, airplanes, archives, books, carousel horses, ceramics, decorative arts, diaries, furniture, gardens, garments, genealogical resources, historic buildings, letters, maps, paintings, photographs, shoes, toys, uniforms, and weapons. It is one of the oldest and largest nonprofit regional historical societies in the nation. It presents the lives and activities of 19th-Century settlers through historic Hale Farm & Village in Bath, Ohio, and it presents the glitter and industry of the Gilded Age through the history of Cleveland’s millionaires and entrepreneurs. WRHS offers a wealth of resources to research your family heritage at the History Center in University Circle, Cleveland. For more information on the Western Reserve Historical Society, 10825 East Blvd., Cleveland, OH 44106 visit: http://www.wrhs.org/ or contact Jane M. Mason, Vice President of Communications and Marketing jmason@wrhs.org, 216-721-5722, x 1501.

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