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The James J. Hill Center Selects O'Neill Board Chair, Welcomes Three New Board Members
Organization Strengthens Ties to St. Paul Entrepreneurial Community

St. Paul, MN – May 20, 2016 – The James J. Hill Center in St. Paul is pleased to announce that Patrick H. O'Neill has been elected Board Chair and three new members joined the organization's board at its May meeting.

O'Neill, a third generation St. Paul attorney, joined the Board in 2013 and is a partner at the law firm of Larson King where he focuses his practice on professional liability and business service litigation. He is a graduate of St. Olaf College and earned his J.D. at the William Mitchell College of Law. **O'Neill replaces Daniel Young who completed his term as Chair and remains on the Board of the James J. Hill Center.**

Joining the Hill Center's 12 person Board are Beth Lilly, Patrick Moran, and Sarah Stern. Ms. Lilly, a St. Paul resident is a CFA and currently serves as a fund manager at GAMCO Asset Management. She began her career at Goldman Sachs and holds a B.A. degree from Hobart/Williams Smith College. Mr. Moran, a St. Paul resident, is founder and CEO of Black Line Payments Advisors. He earned his undergraduate degree from The United States Military Academy at West Point and his MBA from the Stanford University School of Business. Sarah Stern, also a St. Paul resident, is the Director of the Family Business Center at The University of St. Thomas and has significant experience working on business planning with entrepreneurs. Ms. Stern earned her undergraduate degree at The University of St. Thomas and an MA in Organizational Leadership from the University of San Francisco.

"I am thrilled to take on this leadership role at such an exciting time in our evolution" said Mr. O'Neill. "We are adding fantastic skills to our management team and governance structure, and these changes will better allow us to support entrepreneurs in St. Paul and the greater metro area. Especially as we approach the 100th anniversary of our founding, it is a special time at The Hill Center and Beth, Patrick, and Sarah will play a key role in helping us deliver on our Mission. It is an absolute pleasure to welcome them to the Board **and thank Dan Young for his service as Chair!**"

About the James J. Hill Center – Opened in 1921, the James J. Hill Center supports the legacy of one of America's greatest entrepreneurs. Today, The Hill's focus is supporting business, entrepreneurship, and community. It delivers its mission by providing an iconic place to learn, convene and connect – in the community, business, and the arts. Our goal is to build sustainable and lasting relationships that enable entrepreneurial activities and economic prosperity by providing services, programming, and events. Learn more at www.jjhill.org, or find us on [LinkedIn](#) and on Twitter [@JJHillCenter](#).

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