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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

#### **WiS Announces Transition of Leadership and Appointment of Officers of the Board of Directors**

August 2, 2021 – Women in Standards (WiS) was incorporated as a 501(c)(3) in 2019. Co-founder, Karin Athanas has been the driving force for the advancement of WiS these past two years. Through her passion and leadership, and the development of the annual survey of SDO DEI awareness, and coordination of numerous educational, and connecting opportunities, Ms. Athanas has brought a greater focus and awareness to DEI and the standards profession. Effective July 31, 2021, Ms. Athanas has resigned from her positions with WiS. The WiS Board of Directors wishes to thank Ms. Athanas for her dedicated service.

At the July 14, 2021 WiS Board Meeting the following officers were newly appointed:

- Veronica Lancaster, Consumer Technology Association (CTA) – President
- Karen Reczek, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) - Vice President & Co-Founder
- Amy Lestition Burke, MCI USA - Treasurer
- Barbara Martin, American Water Works Association (AWWA) - Secretary

The newly appointed officers will serve with the following Board members:

- Kate DeVarney, Ph.D., Titan Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
- Marianna Kramarikova, International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC)
- Brian Meincke, ASTM International

Supporting the WiS Board of Directors are the following WiS Committee Chairs:

- Alyson Fick, ASTM International – Inclusiveness Committee
- Priscilla Magee, National Elevator Industry, Inc. - Events Committee
- Vicki Worden, Green Building Initiative – Education Committee

### **About Women in Standards:**

Women in Standards is a nonprofit membership society incorporated in Maryland, whose stated mission is *“To develop and promote a diverse ecosystem of standards development participants.”* Visit the [WomeninStandards.org](http://WomeninStandards.org) website for educational resources on topics such as standards development and standardization, conformity assessment, and professional development. The Women in Standards provides a community for standards developers and contributors to come together to grow and strengthen the field and promote issues of inclusion and diversity.