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Preservation Alliance Welcomes Four New Board Members

(June 22, 2009) – The Preservation Alliance for Greater Philadelphia recently welcomed four new members to its board of directors: Stephen Marshall, vice president, Amerimar Realty Company; Andrew R. Palewski, founder and principal Palewski Architectural Preservation; Thomas J. Sugrue, Edmund J. and Louise W. Kahn professor of history and sociology, the University of Pennsylvania; and the Rev. Mark Kelly Tyler, senior pastor at Mother Bethel A.M.E. Church.

The Center City-based Amerimar Realty Company, where **Stephen Marshall** serves as vice president, focuses on the acquisition and financing of under-utilized commercial properties. Such properties are sometimes blighted, requiring renovation and preservation to return them to productive use. With his wife Nicole, Marshall has volunteered in leadership positions with city institutions including The Academy of Music Young Friends Committee for the Academy Ball, Art After Dark for the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the Franklin Institute Science Awards Committee and the Philadelphia Antiques Show. Marshall is an alumnus of the University of Pennsylvania.

Andrew Palewski founded Palewski Architectural Preservation in 1995 and has worked on many of Philadelphia's foremost historic sites, including the Wyck House, Eastern State Penitentiary and Cliveden of the National Trust, all National Historic Landmarks. Palewski has been an active participant in the Alliance's Old House Fair and homeowner workshops. He recently successfully nominated the 1849 Church of the Assumption in North Philadelphia's West Poplar neighborhood to the Philadelphia Register of Historic Places. Palewski is co-founder and president of Lemon Ridge Garden, a nonprofit organization that provides an outdoor laboratory for the understanding of sustainable green spaces, water reclamation and urban gardening. He is a graduate of Drexel University.

Professor **Thomas J. Sugrue** of the University of Pennsylvania specializes in 20th-century American politics, urban history, civil rights and race. He is the author of several books, most recently *Sweet Land of Liberty: The Forgotten Struggle for Civil Rights in the North* (Random House, 2008), and lectures widely. Sugrue served for more than six years as vice chair of the Philadelphia Historical Commission and has served on the boards of the Urban History Association, the Social Science History Association and the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. He is currently co-chair of the board of directors of the Bread and Roses Community Fund, a foundation that supports grassroots organizations working for racial and economic equality. He was educated at Columbia, King's College, Cambridge and Harvard, where he earned his Ph.D.

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Rev. **Mark Kelly Tyler** became the 52nd pastor of Mother Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Philadelphia in 2008. The church, established in 1787 by A.M.E. founder Bishop Richard Allen, is a National Historic Landmark and a major heritage tourism destination. Dr. Tyler has a Ph.D. in educational leadership from the University of Dayton and his research is focused on the history of clergy education in the A.M.E. church during the mid-19th century. He serves as an adjunct professor at both Payne Theological Seminary in Ohio, from which he received his Masters of Divinity, and at the New Brunswick Theological Seminary, where he also serves on the board of trustees.

The Preservation Alliance also wishes to express its great appreciation to outgoing director **Betty Marmon** for her years of dedicated service.

The Preservation Alliance for Greater Philadelphia actively promotes the appreciation, protection and revitalization of the Philadelphia region's historic buildings, communities and landscapes.

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