New officers and directors will assume office on the first day immediately following PCMA’s Convening Leaders 2019 in Pittsburgh, PA (January 6-9, 2019)

The current PCMA Chair-Elect will automatically become 2019 Chairman of the Board

**Gregory O’Dell**

President & Chief Executive Officer

Events DC

The current PCMA Chair will automatically become 2019 Immediate Past Chairman

**Claire Smith, CMP**

Vice President, Sales and Marketing

Vancouver Convention Centre

The term for the PCMA Immediate Past Chair will expire in January 2019 and they are not eligible for re-nomination to any board position:

**Mary Pat Heftman**

Executive Vice President, Convention & Strategic Alliances

National Restaurant Association

The terms of the following officers and directors will expire in January 2019 and they are **eligible to be nominated only for a position as an officer:**

Secretary – Treasurer **Stuart Ruff-Lyon, CMP, DES**

VP, Events & Education

Risk and Insurance Management Society

Director **Tamela Blalock, MBA, CAE, CMP, DES**

Executive Director

Section on Women’s Health - APTA

Director **Ben Hainsworth**

Executive Director

K.I.T. Group GmbH

Director **Kirsten Olean, CMP, CAE**

Director of Meetings

American Society for Microbiology

The [PCMA Bylaws](https://www.pcma.org/about/bylaws/) state that no less than and no more than two (2) Suppliers may serve on the Executive Committee. In 2019, both the Immediate Past Chair and Chair positions will be filled by Supplier members, therefore only Professional members are eligible to be nominated for an Officer position at this time. Previous members of the Board who have not served as officers cannot be nominated to serve a second Director term, but can be nominated for an Officer position. To view a list of Past Directors, click [here](https://www.pcma.org/about/pcma-leadership/).