

## Nene Spivy Elected Treasurer of ASTC Board of Directors

*ASTC is the global membership association for science centers and museums*

Nene Spivy, CEO of Northern Virginia Science Center Foundation, has been elected to a two-year term as Treasurer beginning September 8, 2025, on the Board of Directors for the Association of Science and Technology Centers (ASTC).

ASTC is the nonprofit membership society representing organizations committed to public engagement with science, including a core membership of nearly 600 science and technology centers and museums and allied organizations in more than three dozen countries around the world. ASTC and its members share a vision of increased understanding of and engagement with science and technology among all people.

The ASTC Board provides overall leadership to ASTC, the world's largest association representing science engagement organizations and their staff.

"It's an honor to serve as Treasurer on the ASTC Board of Directors and to contribute to advancing the vital role that science centers and museums play in inspiring curiosity, discovery, and lifelong learning. In delivering our mission with the Children's Science Center Lab and fulfilling our vision for the Northern Virginia Science Center now under construction, we share ASTC's commitment to fostering innovation and expanding access to science education for all communities."

Nene will serve with other leaders from across the field elected to the Board this year as officers or directors:

### Officers

- **Erin Graham**, MBA, JD, was elected as Chair of the ASTC Board of Directors. She is President and CEO of Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) in Portland, Oregon.
- **Sam Dean**, is the new Chair-Elect of the ASTC Board. He is Chief Executive Officer of Scott Family Amazeum in Bentonville, AR.
- **Christian Greer** is the new Secretary. He is President and CEO of Michigan Science Center in Detroit, Michigan.
- **Adalene "Nene" Spivy**, MBA, has been reelected as Treasurer. She is CEO of Children's Science Center and Northern Virginia Science Center Foundation in Fairfax, Virginia.
- **Tim Ritchie**, MPA, JD, is now Immediate Past Chair. He is the Gwill York President of Museum of Science in Boston, Massachusetts.

### Directors

- **Paul Backhouse**, Senior Director, Seminole Tribe of Florida's Environmental Protection Office Clewiston, Florida (elected to a first term)
- **Lori Bettison-Varga**, President and Director, Natural History Museums of Los Angeles County, Los Angeles, California (reelected to a second term)
- **Rayanne Darensbourg**, CEO, Children's Museum Houston and Fort Bend Children's Discovery Center Houston, Texas (elected to a first term)
- **Sean Decatur**, President, American Museum of Natural History New York, New York (elected to a first term)
- **Benjamin Dickow**, President & Executive Director, Columbia Memorial Space Center Downey, California (elected to a first term)
- **Matt Hayes**, President & CEO, The Museum of Flight Seattle, Washington elected to a first term)
- **Mikko Myllykoski**, CEO, Heureka, Finnish Science Centre Vantaa, Finland (elected to a first term)

- **Elizabeth Pierce**, President & CEO, Cincinnati Museum Center Cincinnati, Ohio (elected to a first term)
- **Sara Schapiro**, Executive Director, Alliance for Learning Innovation, Washington, D.C. (reelected to a second term)

“ASTC is grateful for the incredible leadership of Nene Spivy,” said **Christofer Nelson**, ASTC’s President and CEO. “Our officers and members of the Board of Directors – each distinguished leaders – bring tremendous insight and important perspectives on our field as we work together to increase understanding of an engagement with science and technology among all people.”

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## About Northern Virginia Science Center Foundation

The Northern Virginia Science Center Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that operates the Children's Science Center Lab ([childsci.org](http://childsci.org)) at Fair Oaks Mall and STEM programs traveling to schools and other community venues across the region. The Foundation is helping develop the Northern Virginia Science Center in partnership with the Science Museum of Virginia through a pivotal public private partnership that also includes Loudoun County and critical support from the private sector. The Science Center will be located in Dulles, VA and will be a world-class, interactive museum for families, students, and learners of all ages that will spark and sustain the natural curiosity in all of us. Learn more at [novasci.org](http://novasci.org).

## About ASTC



Founded in 1973, ASTC is a network of around 600 science and technology centers and museums, and allied organizations, engaging more than 110 million people annually across North America and in more than 40 countries. With its members and partners, ASTC works towards a vision of increased understanding of and engagement with science and technology among all people. [www.astc.org](http://www.astc.org)

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