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Oregon Historical Society Appoints Kerry Tymchuk, Executive Director

Portland, OR – October 13, 2011 — In a formal meeting today, the Oregon Historical Society Board of Trustees voted to remove the “Interim” from Kerry Tymchuk’s title, appointing him Executive Director of the Oregon Historical Society.

“Kerry Tymchuk has achieved several notable goals since joining OHS as Interim Executive Director last April. His masterful facilitation has renewed public support for OHS and his ability to nurture relationships and spread enthusiasm for history is truly remarkable” says Board President Jerry Hudson. “We are delighted that he has chosen to accept the Executive Director position.”

Kerry Tymchuk, a former OHS board member, was elected to the position of Interim Executive Director following the retirement of former Executive Director George Vogt. Mr. Tymchuk entered OHS with three main agenda items: improving the financial stability of the organization, increasing visibility throughout Oregon, and ensuring the creation of high quality educational programs and exhibits. Since April, he has spearheaded many original Oregon-grown exhibits for the museum, and secured funding from the Oregon State Legislature to pay off the mortgage on the OHS collection storage facility.

“I’m honored by the confidence the OHS Board of Trustees has placed in me, and I look forward to working with them and with all Oregonians to ensure that the best days of OHS are truly yet to come,” says Kerry Tymchuk.

The great, great, grandson of Oregon pioneers, Kerry Tymchuk is a native Oregonian who earned both his Bachelors degree in History and J.D. at Willamette University. Mr. Tymchuk had a distinguished public service career prior to his appointment at OHS, which included working as a top aide and advisor to Elizabeth Dole, Bob Dole and Gordon Smith.

About the Oregon Historical Society

The Society has served since 1898 as Oregon's primary research collection and museum about Oregon history. OHS has an extensive collection of historical pieces, including over 85,000 artifacts and 3 million photographs and films. It safeguards and presents Oregon's history through a museum, research library, traveling exhibits, school programs and website content.