

News Release

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Dan Mann



Kevin Digmann



Ryan Heiar

Three leaders join Iowa City Area Development Group Board

IOWA CITY – In 2008, three area leaders will serve on the Iowa City Area Development Group (ICAD Group) Board of Directors. Currently, 31 board members serve on the board.

In November, Dan Mann, A.A.E., Airport Director for The Eastern Iowa Airport in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Kevin Digmann, CFO and Project Manager for Hodge Construction, were each appointed to serve a two-year unexpired term. They replace Michael Beck and Harry Wolf who resigned to accept positions out of the area.

In January 2008, Ryan Heiar, city administrator of North Liberty, will be appointed to represent the public sector, replacing Brian James who resigned in 2007.

Jeff Disterhoft, board chair for the Iowa City Area Development Group, said, “We are pleased to have Dan, Kevin and Ryan’s participation and expertise to aid our area’s economic development and our business community. They represent a broad spectrum and we are pleased to have them serve on our board.”

Joe Raso, president of the nonprofit organization, said, “These new board members will bring new diversity to our board. Their service adds to the strength between the public and private sectors throughout the area.”

In 2005, Mann moved to Cedar Rapids from Casper, Wyoming, where he spent almost eight years as the manager of the Natrona County International Airport.

As a long-time leader in aviation organizations, Mann serves on the Board of the Iowa Public Airports Association, a state representative for the Great Lakes Chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE), and past President of both the Northwest Chapter of AAAE and the Wyoming Airport Operators Association. He has more than 20 years of experience in the management of airport operations, finance, marketing and public relations at both commercial service and military airports.

Mann’s prior positions were assistant airport manager at the Elmira Corning Regional Airport in Elmira, New York, from 1993 to 1995 and the operations specialist at the Dubuque Regional Airport in Dubuque, Iowa.

From 1987 to 1992, Mann served in the United States Air Force, where he held the rank of Capt. and was a B-52 navigator. He also served in the Ohio Air National Guard from 1983 to 1987. A native of Bryan, Ohio, Mann graduated from Bowling Green State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration. He is also an Accredited Airport Executive through the American Association of Airport Executives and is a licensed private pilot.

Mann and his wife, Melissa, live in Cedar Rapids. Their children, son, Bryant and daughter, Alyssa, attend college.

In 2000, Digmann joined Hodge Construction and helped with the redevelopment and tenanting of Sycamore Mall and Old Capitol Town Center (formerly the Old Capitol Mall). He serves as the operation manager of the Old Capital Town Center and Sycamore Mall. Recently, he assisted with the design and development of Iowa River Landing in Coralville, and he is working on the Heironymus Square Project in downtown Iowa City.

For nearly a decade, Digmann was CFO of Hawkeye State Bank. He also worked as an accountant for McGladrey Pullen firm in the Iowa City office.

Digmann, a Dyersville, Iowa, native, earned his B.S. in Business Administration from the University of Iowa College of Business, majoring in accounting. He is a Realtor® with Lepic Kroeger, member of the Iowa City Area Chamber of Commerce and the Home Builders Association of Iowa City.

Digmann and his wife Cindy and three children, Matt, Zachary and Taylor, live in Iowa City.

Prior to his appointment in North Liberty, Heiar served as the city administrator for Eagle Grove, Iowa, where he was responsible for managing city departments and economic development efforts. Major accomplishments at Eagle Grove include managing a \$2 million wastewater treatment plant renovation, cemetery expansion, downtown business district renovation, equipment replacement plan and multi-year infrastructure improvement program, cable franchise agreement, and the city's quasiquicentennial celebration and RAGBRAI stop.

In addition, Heiar was the first city administrator for Elkader, Iowa. He served on numerous community boards and commissions in both locations.

Heiar is a native of Manchester, Iowa, where his father served as city manager for 20 years. He is a member of the Iowa City/County Manager's Association where he serves as chair of the diversity committee and an executive board member. He's also a member of the Iowa City Managers Association and the International City Manager's Association.

In 2006, Heiar received the Rhonda Wood Smith Outstanding Young City Official Award by the Iowa League of Cities.

Heiar and his wife Stephanie have two children, Tanner and Ellie. They live in North Liberty.

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