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Meet the new CEOs: Here's a list of the new top executives at Puget Sound-area businesses

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Richard Andersen, president and CEO, Seafair

Andersen comes to the region's pre-eminent festival from Edmonton, where he was president and CEO of Northlands, a multi-venue sport and entertainment organization.



Brad Smith is Microsoft's new president and chief legal officer.

Davis Bae, regional managing partner, Fisher & Phillips LLP

The immigration attorney, who has a national practice, was named to lead labor and employment firm Fisher & Phillips' expansion into Seattle last summer.

Aman Bhutani, president, primary brands, Expedia

Expedia named Bhutani president of the company's primary brands, including Expedia.com, Travelocity and Wotif, last June. Bhutani, who joined the company in 2010, previously served as senior vice president and chief technology officer.

Gregory D. Casciaro, president and CEO, Cardiac Dimensions

Casciaro was named CEO earlier this month, replacing Rick Stewart, who stepped down after 14 years. The Kirkland medical device company, whose products treat a specific heart condition, last year raised \$20 million.

Ana Mari Cauce, president, University of Washington

A faculty member since 1986, Cauce is the first Hispanic, female and openly gay leader of the university. She is the 33rd president of the UW.

Scott Coombs, president, NAI Puget Sound Properties

Though NAI has had a presence in the region for 18 years, Coombs is the firm's first president. NAI is the region's fifth-largest commercial real estate company, based on number of brokers.

Will Daugherty, president and CEO, Pacific Science Center

Daugherty, a former Amazon and Expedia executive, begins his new job Jan. 4. He replaces Cory Sbarbaro, who led the center in an interim capacity for 16 months.

Elena Donio, president, Concur

Donio was named president in December 2014. She has served in a variety of leadership roles since joining the expense management company in 1998, most recently as head of the worldwide small- and mid-size business operations.

Mike Fridgen, CEO, Madrona Venture Group in-house incubator

The Seattle entrepreneur is now in charge of the startup studio for the city's most active venture capital firm. The incubator, which launched last year, has already spun out two companies.

Dr. Gary Gilliland, president and director, Fred Hutch

The former professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School and professor of stem cell and regenerative biology at Harvard University took the helm of the renowned cancer research center last January.

Dave Goldberg, CEO, Mithun

The 66-year-old Seattle-based architecture firm promoted President Dave Goldberg to CEO in November after longtime leader Bert Gregory stepped down. Though he is now the firm's chief executive, Goldberg has decided not to use the CEO title.

Cate Hardy, CEO, PCC Natural Markets

Hardy, a former vice president of operations at Starbucks, took the helm of growing PCC Natural Markets last January. Hardy told the Business Journal this year that the food co-op – which operates 11 stores, three of which have opened in the past three years – is on the hunt for more locations.

Dave Heater, president, Ankrom Moisan Architects

The firm is based in Portland, but it opened a Seattle office 10 years ago and is now working on some of the city's biggest projects. It recently moved its Seattle operations from Pioneer Square to a larger office in downtown Seattle to accommodate its rapid growth.

Dr. Stephen Hill, CEO, Faraday Pharmaceuticals

Hill, the first CEO at the young biotech company, previously served as CEO and president at North Carolina-based Targacept, which is now called Catalyst Biosciences. He will lead Faraday as it researches ways to limit toxins produced by the body after medical procedures.

Jon Hoekstra, executive director, Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust

The former chief scientist and vice president at the World Wildlife Fund plans to aggressively work to designate the Mountains to Sound Greenway – a 1.5 million-acre landscape that connects the Puget Sound region to Central Washington – as a National Heritage Area.

John Kaloper, president, Lynden International

The 32-year veteran of the freight forwarding and logistics company succeeds another longtime employee, David Richardson, who retired after 35 years. Kaloper most recently served as vice president of the company's America Division.

Mike Katz, Puget Sound market president, U.S. Bank

The 13-year U.S. Bank veteran was promoted in July to president, replacing Chris Heman. The bank has 91 branches in the region and more than 1,300 employees.

Lance Lyttle, managing director, Sea-Tac International Airport

Lyttle comes from Houston, where he was COO of the massive Houston Airport System. He replaces Mark Reis, who is retiring after 27 years. He starts next month.

Michael Marshall, president and chief medical officer, Franciscan Medical Group

Marshall, who was named to the top slot last January, oversees a Tacoma-based operation that has more than 100 clinics and about 600 doctors in Pierce, King and Kitsap counties.

Colleen McAleer, president, Washington Business Alliance

The nonpartisan, nonprofit economic development organization named McAleer – a Port Angeles port commissioner – its new president in September. The former Army aviator and military intelligence officer was the port's first female commissioner in its 91-year history.

Pam McEwan, CEO, Washington Health Benefit Exchange

McEwan, the former chief of staff, replaced Richard Onizuka, who stepped down in August. She previously served as executive vice president for public affairs and governance at Group Health Cooperative.

Doug Miller, CEO, Chatbox

Miller, the former LivingSocial chief revenue officer, was named president of the Seattle-based startup in November. The company, which just raised \$2.1 million, helps businesses communicate with customers online.

Dennis Muilenburg, president and CEO, Boeing

Muilenburg began his career at Boeing and spent his first 15 years with the company in the Puget Sound region. He most recently served as president, vice chairman and chief operating officer. He became CEO of the \$91 billion, 165,000-employee company last July.

Carol K. Nelson, Seattle market president, KeyBank

Nelson left her job as agency director at the Washington Department of Revenue to become Seattle market president and Pacific region sales executive for KeyBank in Washington, Oregon and Alaska.

Lisa Nitze, executive director, Social Venture Partners

The 30-year social sector leader, who has worked with philanthropists, corporations, universities, city and state governments, was named to SVP's top job in October. She was chosen following a national search.

Peter Nitze, president and CEO, Nitze-Stagen & Co. Inc.

Nitze was named to the top job in September after previously serving as president of Nitze-Stagen Capital Partners. He is responsible for day-to-day operations of the company's real estate holdings and property management services.

Prakash Panjwani, CEO, Watchguard Technologies

The Seattle security appliance company named Panjwani CEO last April. Panjwani, who will also serve on the board of directors, spent the last 12 years at SafeNet, which specializes in data protection.

Dr. Charles "Mac" Powell, president, Bastyr University

Powell will oversee the university's clinics and campuses in Washington state and California. He is only the fourth president at the Kenmore-based nonprofit, private university, which specializes in science-based natural medicine.

Erik Prusch, CEO, Outerwall

Prusch, who has more than 25 years of experience leading technology and consumer-facing businesses, was named CEO of the kiosk company last July after a national search.

Doug Rigoni, president and CEO, Coast Hospitality

The 17-year Coast veteran was named to the top job in April after serving as vice president and COO the previous six years. The hotel operator is based in Vancouver, B.C., but its U.S. office is in Seattle.

Manuel Rivelo, CEO, F5

Rivelo's reign as CEO of the Seattle data and cybersecurity company was short. He began in July but stepped down in December for unknown "personal conduct" reasons. Rivelo, who had been with F5 for four years and with Cisco for almost two decades before that, replaced longtime CEO John McAdam, who reassumed the reigns after the scandal.

Brad Smith, president, Microsoft

The Redmond software giant named Smith president and chief legal officer in September. Smith, who has long represented Microsoft publicly, will have even more responsibility for its external communications. Smith was formerly an executive vice president and general counsel.

Dr. Jeff Sperring, CEO, Seattle Children's

The former U.S. Navy Medical Corps officer began his new post in May, replacing Thomas Hansen. Sperring was previously president and CEO of Riley Hospital for Children at Indiana University Health.

Charles Strazzara, president, Studio Meng Strazzara

The Seattle architect bought the firm, renamed it and now plans to grow it outside the Puget Sound region for the first time in its four-decade history. The studio is known for designing schools and other public buildings, as well as mixed-use developments near transit stations.

Brian Unmacht, president and CEO, Bartell Drugs

Unmacht is the first non-family member to lead the 125-year-old family drug store chain. Unmacht, who previously spent 27 years at REI, has been on Bartell's board of directors since 2011.

Jay Vogelsang, chief development officer and president, Swedish Medical Center Foundation

Vogelsang, who has 30 years experience in fundraising for large medical centers such as University of Utah Health Sciences and the Mayo Clinic, was chosen in October a four-month national search.

Marvin White, CEO, Aptevo Therapeutics

Aptevo will be spun off next year by Maryland-based Emergent BioSolutions and White, an Emergent board member, will become CEO. White was previously chief financial officer of St. Vincent's Health, a \$2.8 billion multihospital health system.

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