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NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART APPOINTS NEW TREASURER

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The appointment of Ann R. Leven to the executive officer position of treasurer of the National Gallery of Art was announced today by Robert H. Smith, president, National Gallery board of trustees. Leven, who succeeds Daniel Herrick, came to the Gallery as deputy treasurer in 1990.

Earl A. Powell III, director, National Gallery of Art, said of the appointment, "Throughout her career, Ann Leven has successfully combined her interests in the arts and business management to the benefit of some of the nation's top cultural, educational, and business institutions. Her wide range of experience will be invaluable in her new role as the Gallery's treasurer."

As treasurer Leven will be responsible for management of the annual federal and private budgets and accounting processes, including payroll, investments, insurance, data processing and telecommunications, and the Gallery bookstores.

Leven came to the Gallery from the Smithsonian Institution where she had worked since 1984 as treasurer and chief fiscal officer, instrumental in the areas of accounting management,

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business activities, and investment of endowment funds. During her 1979-1983 tenure as vice president and senior corporate planning officer for The Chase Manhattan Bank, N.A., Leven was on loan for ten months in 1981 to the White House as staff director for the arts for the Presidential Taskforce for the Arts and Humanities. From 1967 to 1979 Leven worked for The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York. Hired first as development officer for the museum's Costume Institute, she was promoted through the ranks, becoming treasurer of the Museum from 1972 to 1979. She also worked from 1964 to 1967 as a product manager for the Colgate Palmolive Company and as an account executive for Grey Advertising, Inc.

From 1975 to 1993 Leven taught business policy as an adjunct professor for Columbia University's Graduate School of Business Administration. She has served as trustee of the Carnegie Corporation of New York, 1981-1990; of Brown University, 1976-1981; and the American Red Cross Endowment Fund, 1985-1990. She was chair of the Board of Overseers of the Hood Museum and Hopkins Center of Dartmouth College, from 1988 to 1991. She is a member of the Economic Club of Washington and serves as a director of several public corporations.

Born in Canton, Ohio, Leven graduated from Brown University in 1962 with a bachelor of arts degree in art history and studio practice. Some of her early work as a painter and printmaker is in private collections. She received her master of business administration degree in 1964 from Harvard Business School. She resides in Washington, D.C., and New York City.

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