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**NoMa BID Elects New Board Members, Names 2018 Partners of the Year  
at 2019 Annual Meeting**

*Brigg Bunker of Foulger-Pratt Becomes Board Chair as Longtime Leader  
Douglas M. Firstenberg of Stonebridge Steps Down*

**Washington, D.C.** — At the 12th annual meeting of the NoMa Business Improvement District (NoMa BID), held on April 24, 2019, five new Directors were elected to the Board by the BID membership:

- **Caiti Anderson**, General Manager, REI
- **John Clarkson**, Senior Vice President, JBG Smith
- **Josh Dix**, Principal, Trammell Crow Company
- **Christopher Lynch**, Co-Owner, Wunder Garten
- **Pamela Tapscott**, Vice President and Director of Contract Operations, Mathematica

In addition, longtime Board member and Chair Douglas M. Firstenberg, Principal at Stonebridge, stepped down, and **Brigg Bunker**, a Managing Partner at Foulger-Pratt became the new Chair. **Berkeley Shervin**, President of The Wilkes Company, is the new vice-chair.

With Firstenberg's departure from the board this year, and that of Charles "Sandy" Wilkes of The Wilkes Company in 2018, the NoMa BID says farewell to two men who were crucial leaders for the organization's first dozen years, including leading the effort to establish the public-private partnership with the D.C. Government that is funding the NoMa Parks Foundation and creating terrific parks for the NoMa community. (Wilkes will remain as Chair of the Foundation's Board of Directors.)

"Doug and Sandy have been incredible advocates for NoMa, and we are so thankful for what they've accomplished in this neighborhood," said BID President Robin-Eve Jasper. "They had the vision for what this part of D.C. could become, the passion to rally others to the cause, and the dedication to stick around and witness many of the results of their tremendous efforts. Now the baton has been passed to Brigg and the BID's Board of Directors. We're excited for what the next years hold for NoMa."

Also at the annual meeting, the NoMa BID also celebrated the great people and organizations it worked with in 2018 by through its annual Partner of the Year awards:

- Community Partner: **Sylvia Pinkney**, ANC 5E04 Commissioner
- Public-Sector Partner: **Melvyn Smith**, Homeless Service Outreach Coordinator, D.C. Department of Human Services
- Private-Sector Partner: **Charles "Sandy" Wilkes**, The Wilkes Company

Finally, the NoMa BID noted the retirement of Ibrahim Turayson at the annual meeting. Turayson, who came to the U.S in the early 1990s from Sierra Leone as a result of the civil war there, was hired as the BID's first Hospitality Ambassador in 2008. After more than 10 years of serving as a friendly, helpful presence around NoMa, Turayson will soon move back to his home country to enjoy retirement with his family and friends.

For a downloadable copy of the NoMa BID's FY 2018 Annual Report, go to [bitly.com/NoMaBIDFY18](https://bitly.com/NoMaBIDFY18).

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### **About NoMa**

NoMa is a vibrant, growing neighborhood in Washington, D.C., nestled among Union Station, the U.S. Capitol, Shaw, Union Market, and the H Street NE corridor. Already, NoMa has more than 18 million square feet of commercial and residential space, and almost 40 percent of NoMa's office space is home to private sector tenants, including major media, technology, and think tank organizations. Each day, more than 100,000 people are out and about in NoMa's commercial core. Through a public-private partnership with the D.C. government, the neighborhood will soon have great new parks and public spaces—an important development, as NoMa now contains almost 5,400 new apartments, and more than 54,000 people work here each day. NoMa is also the District's most connected neighborhood, with a Walk Score of 94, stellar cycling infrastructure, unparalleled rail options, two Metro stops, and vehicular access to major highways. The NoMa BID organizes and sponsors dozens of free community events each year and also maintains a free outdoor WiFi network. For more information about NoMa, visit [nomabid.org](http://nomabid.org) and sign up for our bimonthly newsletter. Follow us on Twitter ([@NoMaBID](https://twitter.com/NoMaBID)) and Instagram ([@noma.bid](https://www.instagram.com/noma.bid)), and like us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/NoMaBID).