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## **Annual meeting features awards presentation**

The Sioux City Museum & Historical Association's 47<sup>th</sup> annual meeting was held on September 9 at the Sioux City Public Museum. The Board of Directors elected the following officers: Rosie Chicoine, president; Denise Turner, vice-president; Tom Munson, secretary; and Maynard Porter, treasurer.

The annual meeting featured the presentation of the Association's annual awards as well. The Tom Peterson Award was presented to the Waitt Family Foundation for its lead gift in the "Our New Museum" capital campaign. The announcement of the \$3 million challenge grant kicked-off the public phase of the capital campaign in June.

"The funds pledged by the Waitt Family Foundation have been key in motivating others in the community to step up and support the new Museum project," said Steve Hansen, Museum director.

Accepting the Tom Peterson Award on behalf of the Waitt Family Foundation were Joan L. Waitt, who serves as the Museum's honorary campaign co-chair, and Cindy Waitt, director of the Waitt Family Foundation.

The Tom Peterson Award is named after the late KCAU-TV weatherman who provided leadership to many Siouland organizations most notably the Sioux City Community Theatre and Greater Sioux City Press Club. Since his untimely death in 1994, the Tom Peterson Award has been presented annually to an individual or group that gives above and beyond the call of duty in the name of Siouland and its regional heritage.

A combined President's and Director's Award was presented to the Siouland Heritage Foundation for the leadership of the volunteers who have raised more than \$8.3 million to date. The non-profit 501(c)(3) Siouland Heritage Foundation was created to oversee design, construction and fundraising of the new Sioux City Public Museum in downtown Sioux City. The President's and Director's Awards are given annually to an individual or group that has given outstanding service to the Association.