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### **Timothy Coburn Named as the New Board President of the Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra**

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At the 2015 annual meeting of the Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra, 5-year board member Timothy Coburn, 67, was elected President of the Board of Directors of the IPO. Coburn previously served as Vice President and has worked on or chaired numerous committees over his five years of service, including Marketing, Development and Finance. Fellow board member Dr. Michael Rogers was elected as Vice President. Outgoing Board President Bill Donne will remain on the board as Immediate Past President. Together, these three men served for four months as the Interim Executive Director Transition Team last summer, while the IPO was in the midst of the search process that resulted in the hiring of current Executive Director Eska Koester.

Coburn brings extensive management experience to his leadership role. He is retired from Haemonetics Corp., a medical device manufacturer based in Braintree, Massachusetts. Prior to that, he was President of Information Data Management, a software development company that serves the blood and plasma industries. Coburn graduated from Eastern Illinois University with a major in medical technology and

from Harvard University with a major in management. He and his wife, Theresa, a retired school district technology administrator, live in Palos Park.

Rogers, retired Fine Arts Department Chair and Orchestra Director at Homewood-Flossmoor High School, holds a Ph.D. in Music Education from Northwestern University. He brings 50+ years of musical knowledge and expertise to the board room, as a performer, educator, clinician, director and patron of the arts. Rogers is a longtime resident of Flossmoor.

The 23-member volunteer board provides leadership and guidance for the Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra, its staff and musicians. The IPO is entering its 38th season, which will begin with Opening Night on October 17, 2015, and offer 7 evening and 3 matinee concerts before the Season Finale on May 7. The 2015-16 season will be Maestro David Danzmayr's final season with the organization before starting as Music Director of the Zagreb Philharmonic Orchestra. The IPO Board of Directors initiated the search for a new music director earlier this spring.

Although the regular concert season ended on May 30, the IPO is offering its IPO @ Ravisloe Summer Music Series at the beautiful Ravisloe Country Club in Homewood. These 7PM concerts feature small ensembles of IPO musicians and friends. Upcoming dates are July 22, August 12 and August 26.

For more information or to order tickets, visit [ipomusic.org](http://ipomusic.org) or call 708.481.7774.

PHOTO CAPTION: Timothy Coburn, 67, of Palos Park, was elected as the new President of the Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra Board of Directors at the recent 2015 annual meeting.

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#### About the Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra

Over the past four decades, the Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra has been regarded as one of the finest orchestras in the Great Lakes region. From its 2010 Orchestra of Year award from the Illinois Council of Orchestras to more recent critical acclaim under the baton of Maestro David Danzmayr, the orchestra continues to excel and exceed their notable reputation. Since 2008, the IPO has been in residence at the Lincoln-Way North Performing Arts Center in Frankfort and in 2013 began offering matinee performances several times a year at the Rialto Square Theatre in Joliet. More information on performances and events can be found at [ipomusic.org](http://ipomusic.org).

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