FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE—August 18, 2017 (Santa Fe, NM)—As the Georgia O’Keeffe Museum celebrates its 20th anniversary, the institution moves into its next era by announcing two new members to the Board of Trustees. The Museum welcomes Diane Buchanan, philanthropist and civic leader, and Gary “Skip” Poliner, former president of Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company, to its Board of Trustees.

“Diane Buchanan and Gary Poliner are dynamic proponents of the Museum’s mission to preserve and advance the artistic legacy of Georgia O’Keeffe,” says Robert A. Kret, Director of the Georgia O’Keeffe Museum. “She is unparalleled in her commitment to community outreach, particularly education and youth development. He has tremendous insight into investments and developments in the cultural sector. We are delighted that they will play prominent roles in the Museum’s future.”

Buchanan’s philanthropic career spans over three decades. The daughter of a Presbyterian minister, she has served in various leadership roles in her church and on the Board of the Austin Theological Seminary. She has also held multiple advisory positions for Planned Parenthood’s North Texas and Rocky Mountain chapters.

Poliner retired from Northwestern Mutual in 2013. Prior to serving as its president, he had been the company’s Chief Investment Officer and Chief Financial Officer. He was also the Executive Vice President of Investment Products and Services, as well as a member of Northwestern Mutual’s Board of Directors and Board of Trustees.

Buchanan holds a bachelor’s degree in English from The College of Wooster, and a master’s degree in behavior disorders from the University of South Florida. A former teacher, she has been
dedicated to education and childhood enrichment. As art collectors, Buchanan and her spouse Richard Andrew focus on works created by women.

Poliner is an alumnus of Dickinson College, and a graduate of Duke University School of Law. He and his wife Ilidy have a significant art collection, including notable pieces of Native American pottery. They are active in numerous cultural and educational organizations.

Both board members live in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

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To inspire all current and future generations, the Georgia O’Keeffe Museum preserves, presents and advances the artistic legacy of Georgia O’Keeffe and modernism through innovative public engagement, education, and research. Opened in Santa Fe, New Mexico in 1997, the Museum counts O’Keeffe’s two New Mexico homes as part of its extended collection. The Museum’s collections, exhibitions, research center, publications and educational programs contribute to scholarly discourse and serve a diverse audience. The Georgia O’Keeffe Museum presents an ongoing series of thematic galleries exploring the career of the artist through her artwork, art materials, archives, and the landscapes and experiences that defined her life, on view throughout 2017. For more information, please visit okeeffemuseum.org.