



# VIRGINIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Paul A. Levengood has informed the Virginia Historical Society Board of Trustees of his intention to resign as President and CEO effective July 1, 2016.

In his letter to the Board, Paul wrote “I have come to realize that my true passion lies in the study of history and in teaching its lessons to others. I feel that I must now take the opportunity to pursue that passion or always regret not taking that chance. Therefore I request that the board allow me to step down as president and CEO and grant me a yearlong sabbatical to pursue that passion.”

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Chairman John R. Nelson expressed the gratitude of the Board for Paul’s service and added, “We will all miss Paul, but we understand his decision and respect his wishes.”

During his eight-year tenure as President, the Virginia Historical Society successfully weathered the 2008–9 recession; launched exciting new initiatives like *HistoryConnects* and a special exhibitions program; greatly enhanced its facility through a major renovation project; and completed a more than \$46-million capital campaign. Since the conclusion of the renovation, membership, visitation, and annual giving have increased significantly and continue to grow.

Questions should be directed to Lizzie Oglesby, VHS Senior Officer for Public Relations and Marketing, at [loglesby@vahistorical.org](mailto:loglesby@vahistorical.org) or 804.342.9665.

The Virginia Historical Society (VHS)—a privately funded nonprofit organization—collects, preserves, and interprets the commonwealth’s history, linking past with present to inspire future generations. The VHS is located at 428 North Boulevard in Richmond’s Museum District. Hours are Monday – Sunday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. for the galleries and museum shop, Monday – Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. for the library. For more information about the VHS call (804) 358-4901, visit [vahistorical.org](http://vahistorical.org), or connect with the VHS on Facebook and Twitter.

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