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### Craig Fuller, Anne West join MPT Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors

**OWINGS MILLS, MD** – The MPT Foundation, Inc. has elected Craig Fuller and Anne West to each serve three-year terms on its volunteer board of directors.

The MPT Foundation, Inc. is the 501(c)(3) fundraising affiliate of Maryland Public Television (MPT). Incorporated in 1981 as the Maryland Public Broadcasting Foundation, Inc., the foundation currently comprises more than two dozen members drawn from Maryland business, civic, and cultural communities to assist MPT in securing private contributions and foundation grants.

Originally from California, **Craig Fuller** moved to Washington, D.C. in 1981 to serve in the White House as a member of the Reagan administration, first as assistant to President Reagan for Cabinet Affairs and then as chief of staff to Vice President George H.W. Bush during the administration's second term. He cochaired the transition team for President George H.W. Bush before entering the private sector, where he spent decades in leadership positions at several public affairs consulting firms, trade associations, and other businesses.

Fuller's lifelong love of aviation led him to serve as the president and CEO of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association until his retirement in 2013. He remains involved in various aviation-related companies while deepening his community



engagement in Easton, Maryland, where he enjoys boating on the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries. Fuller has served on the boards of several key community organizations, including the Benedictine School; the Academy Art Museum; and the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum (CBMM), eventually becoming board chair at CBMM. He is a regular contributor to the online newspaper The Spy and publishes his own Substack publication, DECADE SEVEN.

An enthusiastic MPT supporter and member of the statewide network's Leadership Society, Fuller's contributions have helped greenlight productions including the 2024 Chesapeake Bay Week® special Racing Rivals: Log Canoes of the Chesapeake Bay.

With a rich history of leadership in community engagement, communications, and advocacy, Towson-based **Anne West** has spent decades improving education and cultural enrichment throughout the state.

West began her career with the office of Mayor William Donald Schaefer, serving as an administrative aide and assistant press officer responsible for managing staff and spearheading initiatives such as the annual Inner Harbor New Year's Eve Party. She then joined T. Rowe Price, where she was responsible for marketing retirement plans and writing retirement plan proposals for potential clients. She later served as a communications



coordinator at the Kennedy Krieger Institute, where she orchestrated publicity and marketing efforts for special events and research programs, including developing a national marketing program.

As chairman of The Learning Bank's Advisory Council, West played a pivotal role in expanding literacy programs in West Baltimore by helping The Learning Bank acquire a larger facility and secure significant state funding for refurbishments.

West enjoyed a long tenure at the Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC), starting as a staff member and then being appointed vice-chair of the council from 2016-2022 by then-Gov. Larry Hogan. At MSAC, West worked on initiatives to integrate arts education into public schools, addressing gaps in formal training and advocating for its inclusion from kindergarten through 12th grade.

West currently serves as vice president of the Board of Trustees of Baltimore County Public Library. She has been an MPT member since 1987. For the past two years, she has served as co-chair of MPT's Leadership Society, helping the network's Major & Planned Giving team connect with, thank, and celebrate its most generous supporters.

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#### **About Maryland Public Television**

Maryland Public Television (MPT) is a statewide, public-supported TV network and Public Broadcasting Service member offering entertaining, educational, and inspiring content delivered by traditional broadcasting and streaming on TVs, computers, and mobile devices. A state agency, it operates under the auspices of the Maryland Public Broadcasting Commission. MPT creates and distributes local, regional, and national content and is a frequent winner of regional Emmy® awards. MPT's commitment to educators, parents, caregivers, and learners of all ages is delivered through instructional events and <u>Thinkport.org</u>. MPT's year-round community engagement activities connect viewers with resources on a wide range of topics. For more information visit <u>mpt.org</u>.