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## NEWS RELEASE



### **Stan Hywet Board names Sean M. Joyce, CPA as new President & Executive Director**

January 30, 2018 – Akron, Ohio -- The Board of Directors of Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens announces the appointment of Sean M. Joyce as the new President & Executive Director of the estate where he has served as the CFO & Vice President of Operations for the past seven years. His responsibility and oversight for the financial management and business operations of the organization made him instrumental in transforming Stan Hywet into a financially stable non-profit. In addition, Joyce serves as President of ARRC, Inc., Stan Hywet’s for-profit subsidiary.

“Sean has an impressive talent for envisioning the big picture while also grasping the details and their impacts on this very complex organization. He has been a wonderful partner to Linda Conrad during her tenure, and promises to continue the momentum they began together with the team,” says Brian Cherkala, Chairman of the Board.

A Certified Public Accountant and proven executive leader in financial management and strategic development, Joyce has more than 20 years of experience in leadership roles with a multi-billion dollar for-profit organization, and nationally recognized non-profit enterprises.

His executive experience includes roles as Chief Financial Officer for Goodwill Industries of Akron, Chief Financial Officer of Integrity Parking Systems, LLC, and Director of Accounting for Standard Parking, Inc. which benefited from his expertise as it grew into a multi-billion dollar organization.

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He has applied his vast for-profit experience in strategic planning and development, business acquisitions, public financing oversight for major parking projects, and project management of large construction projects to help increase earned income for non-profits, including Stan Hywet.

“I am excited to carry our work forward with this amazing organization,” said Joyce. “I am committed to leading our team in a way that continues to make a positive impact on our community by honoring the Seiberling legacy, as well as the efforts put forth by our staff, board and volunteers.”

Joyce is an active member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Ohio Society of CPAs. He also serves as Vice Chair of the University of Akron’s Finance Advisory Board and is a past member of Rotary.

His volunteer endeavors include his service as the Founding and current Board President of Dancing Classrooms Northeast Ohio, a non-profit formed in 2008, and he chaired the Dancing Classrooms Global Board of Directors representing sites in over 30 major cities throughout the U.S. and 4 countries. He has also supported Crouse Elementary School and St. Barnabas Parish, in addition to coaching soccer, basketball and baseball.

Joyce received his B.A. in Accounting from the University of Akron. He is a two-time Crain’s CFO of the Year Nominee (2014 & 2009) and in 2009, he was a recipient of the Greater Akron Chamber 30 for the Future Award. He is a 2010 graduate of Leadership Akron, and in 2016, he was named the Financial Management Association’s Outstanding Financial Executive by The University of Akron.

Joyce’s new role is effective immediately.

### **About Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens**

Stan Hywet Hall was the family home of Gertrude and F.A. Seiberling, co-founder of the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company. The estate is a National Historic Landmark, and the nation’s 6th largest historic home open to the public. It is considered one of the most significant historic estates in the country and is an accredited museum of the American Alliance of Museums, a distinction that is held by only 1,057 of the estimated 35,000 museums in the United States. The Estate includes five historic buildings and eight historic gardens, situated on 70 acres.

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