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## **Leadership Change For The Board Of Directors At MOSI.**

Tampa, Florida – After a successful 5 terms as Board Chair, where he guided MOSI (Museum Of Science and Industry) through a restructure and then a reopening to the public in 2017, reestablishing itself in the Tampa community as a STEM and STEAM leader, Robert Thomas has voluntarily stepped down as Chairman. New Board Chair, Bret Feldman, was unanimously voted into the position during the April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 MOSI Board meeting.

Bret Feldman is a board-certified construction lawyer with Phelps Dunbar practicing in the areas of construction and commercial litigation. With a focus on technology, Bret addresses construction issues related to the emerging autonomous vehicle and drone industry. He also sits on the Tampa Chapter Board of the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International (AUVSI). He offers insight on the impacts of autonomous technology on roadway and structure construction, city planning, and the use of drones in the construction insurance industries and related services.

“After 5 terms as Board Chair it was time for a fresh view on the Board leadership level. I am extremely proud of what we were able to accomplish at MOSI over the past 3 years.” said Robert Thomas. “MOSI is thriving and now more than ever a part of Tampa’s future. Bret is the right person to lead the board during the strategic planning times that lie ahead for the venue.”

Bret has led many discussions on science and technology in the construction industry, notably presenting “Intelligent Transportation Systems and Smart Cities” at the Florida Bar’s 13th Annual Construction Law Institute in 2019. He is a longstanding supporter and legal counsel to the Tampa Museum of Science and Industry since 2005. As part of his service to MOSI, Bret helped develop what was at the time the largest children’s science center in the country, MOSI’s “Kids in Charge!”

Bret Feldman, new MOSI Board Chair commented on his new role, “I am looking forward to building on the good work done by prior Chair Robert Thomas, and to helping the Board guide MOSI through the challenges and opportunities ahead of it.”

Bret has been a lifelong resident of Florida and permanent resident of Tampa since 2000. He graduated from the University of Florida with a BA in Journalism, MA in Mass Communications as well as his law degree. Bret is married and has two teenage children.

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For more than 35 years, The Museum of Science & Industry (MOSI) has been offering programs to all in the Tampa Bay community.