



ANGEL CAPITAL ASSOCIATION

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Angel Capital Association Elects Three New Members to Board of Directors

Kansas City, MO, July 1, 2020 - The Angel Capital Association (ACA) the world's leading professional association for angel investors, has elected three new Board of Directors members: Clay Rankin, Kelley Skoloda and Eli Velasquez. ACA provides education, public policy advocacy, professional development, resources and networking on behalf of its more than 14,000 member angel investors across North America.

"Our incoming members of the Board of Directors bring a tremendous combination of investing experience, ideas and diversity of leadership that will drive ACA to the next level. We thank them for investing their time and passion to develop opportunities and change for ACA and its members. In this critical time of transformation and adjustment, ACA is fortunate to have the right leaders working on behalf of angels and innovation," says Pat Gouhin, ACA Chief Executive Officer.

[Clay Rankin](#) joins from Cleveland, OH and is the Managing Director of North Coast Ventures ("NCV"), a venture capital group of funds he founded in 2006 to support early-stage technology companies. In addition to joining ACA's Board of Directors, Clay is a board member of University Circle Inc. and serves on multiple committees at Case Western Reserve University to include the Visiting Committee of the School of Engineering, the Corporate Advisory Board for the Master's Degree Program In Engineering Management, and the Council to Advance Human Health at the School of Medicine.

[Kelley Skoloda](#), from Pittsburgh, PA, is the Founder and CEO of KS Consulting & Capital LLC and co-founding member of the Next Act Fund. Kelley also serves on the UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh Foundation and Excelsa Health's Boards of Trustees, where she sits on the Governance Committee. Kelley has served on the BlogHer/SheKnows advisory board, the Seton Hill University Board of Trustees and as a member of The TODAY Show Parenting Network.

[Eli Velasquez](#) of Boston, MA is the Venture Development Director at VentureWell, Advisor to AccelHUB Venture Partners and a member of Portolia Rising America Fund. Eli also serves as an advisor for the Business Angel Minority Association (baMa), which aims to bridge the investment gap in minority-led startups or early-stage companies targeting minority driven markets.

[Marcia Dawood](#), ACA's co-chair of the Membership and Marketing Committee, investment committee member of Next Wave Impact Fund and Venture Partner at Mindshift Capital, will be stepping in to the role of Vice Chair beginning July 1, 2020. [Peter Adams](#), ACA Secretary and Treasurer, and Managing Partner of Rockies Venture Club will begin his second term. The ACA board terms coincide with the fiscal year, which begins July 1st.

About the Angel Capital Association (ACA)

The [Angel Capital Association](https://angelcapitalassociation.org) (ACA) is the professional association of angel investors across North America and offers education, best practices, data, public policy advocacy, and significant benefits and resources to its membership of more than 14,000 accredited investors, who invest individually or through its 250+ angel groups, accredited platforms, and family offices. Visit angelcapitalassociation.org or at @ACAAngelCapital

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