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Marcia Dawood Elected as Chair of the Angel Capital Association's Board of Directors

Kansas City, MO, July 1, 2021 – Marcia Dawood, Venture Partner at Mindshift Capital, investment committee member of Next Wave Impact Fund, member of Golden Seeds and BlueTree Capital, has been elected as Chair of the Board of Directors of the Angel Capital Association (ACA), the world's leading professional association for angel investors. ACA provides education, public policy advocacy, professional development, resources and networking on behalf of its more than 14,000 member angel investors across the globe.

Dawood brings extensive experience to the position of Chair as an active angel investor who has over 200 early-stage private companies in her investment portfolio. Following her passion for finance and entrepreneurial ventures, Dawood has served in various leadership roles in angel groups and funds. Having lived in Pittsburgh, PA, NYC, Dallas and San Francisco over the last 10 years, she has a unique perspective on the entrepreneurial ecosystems across the US. She is also an advisor/board member to several of her portfolio companies including Zive and Misfits Bakehouse.

In addition to her work on the ACA Board of Directors, Dawood is also the co-host of the angel investing podcast Angels Live!, as well as the founding member and current chair of the ACA Growing Women's Capital group building syndication and collaboration among US investment groups focused on women-led companies.

"I'm honored to be taking on the role of Chair of the ACA board," says Dawood. "I believe the next few years are a particularly pivotal time for ACA as we build a more engaging, collaborative and diverse membership community. In this ever-changing world we are living in, we have the opportunity to expand our educational, networking and collaboration activities to allow more participation via online delivery. We will see exciting things in the next few years ahead."

"Marcia's experience and reputation within the angel community, coupled with her passion for the Angel Capital Association, will serve her well as she sets the future course for ACA building on the legacy of the leaders that came before her. These are exciting times for the angel community, the profession and the organization and we are very fortunate to have the right person at the right time," stated Pat Gouhin, ACA Chief Executive Officer.

ACA's Vice Chair of the Education and Smart Practices Committee and Chairman of the Software Interest Group of the Band of Angels, Ron Weissman, will be stepping into the role of Vice Chair on July 1, 2021. Weissman serves a Partner of Circini Innovation and a Partner of Performance Works. He previously held the position of Partner and Portfolio Manager of Apax Partners and Chief Marketing Officer of Verity. Weissman has volunteered as a member of Corporate Council for the San Francisco Opera, Overseer and Associate Trustee for the University of Pennsylvania, and member of the Board of Directors of the San Francisco Classical Voice.

The new term begins July 1, 2021 to coincide with the fiscal year. Four new board members will also begin their terms: <u>Greg Campbell</u> of Rainmaker, Inc. in Dallas, TX, <u>Sandi Gilbert</u> from Calgary, Canada

and NACO board member, <u>Kristina Montague</u> of Chattanooga, TN and member of The JumpFund in and <u>Nicole Washington</u>, a Washington DC based investor and member of Ohio TechAngel Fund.

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About Mindshift Capital

MINDSHIFT Capital is focused on investing in post-seed early-stage companies in the U.S., Europe and Middle East. Through a global network, MINDSHIFT identifies companies with scalable technology, exceptional leadership and high growth potential. We invest with a gender lens, ensuring diversity of thought while narrowing the funding gap for female-led ventures.

Link to photo: Marcia Dawood

About the Angel Capital Association (ACA)

The Angel Capital Association (ACA) is the professional association of global angel investors to offer 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.

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