

The Committee of 100 welcomes new Executive Director

» The Board of Directors of The Committee of 100 announced in the fall of last year that Jennifer L. Kmiec would become the Executive Director of the organization effective December 1st. Ms. Kmiec will take on the role following the retirement of Paul Morrill.

"It's a wonderful organization. The Board is super engaged, and the membership is terrific. The Committee turned 50 in 2017. Between the programming and value we provide and our membership's involvement, we'll be here for many years to come."

The Committee of 100 is a nonpartisan nonprofit association of Delaware business leaders that promotes responsible economic development and addresses issues that affect Delaware's economic health. Organized in 1967 as a response to issues in land use planning and state and local finance, The Committee of 100 has since evolved into a broad-based organization that seeks to resolve quality-of-life issues like education, housing, transportation, the environment, health care, public safety, libraries, recreation, the arts, and social services.

"We provide an environment and events for our members to get together, discuss important issues and share upcoming projects. The diversity of our membership's areas of expertise give them a strong network with which to build strong alliances."

The transition to new leadership began several ago when Ms. Kmiec

was recruited to serve as Associate Director and assumed responsibility for the organization's event planning, communications, and administration. "We are pleased to have had such a seamless succession," said The Committee of 100 President Ted Williams. "We're fortunate to have an Executive Director with Jennifer's abilities and extensive contacts in government, business, and education. Her broad experience in technology-based economic development puts us in a strong position as we work to build Delaware's 21st Century economy."

Ms. Kmiec has worked in business development and marketing for biotech companies. She was a founding director and is immediate past chair of the Delaware BioScience Association. She is a former board member of the Technology Forum of Delaware and served as the first executive director of the Delaware Sustainable Chemistry Alliance (DESCA). Ms. Kmiec is the founder of Inspiring Women in STEM, which organizes conferences that provide programming in leadership, professional, and personal development for women in STEM careers. The events also provide support for organizations that encourage more girls to pursue degrees in science, technology, engineering and math.

Outgoing Executive Director Paul Morrill recalled that he first encountered Ms. Kmiec when she was just getting DESCA off the ground. "I was impressed by her professionalism and presence of mind dealing with all the start-up issues. She'll be a strong leader and that's good



for both The Committee of 100 and for the State of Delaware," he said.

"Looking ahead, we'll be focusing on growing our membership and continuing to promote meaningful networking and partnerships. We give out a scholarship every year to a graduating high school senior, so we will be looking for worthy applicants for that. We're also looking forward to being involved with the Governor's Construction Career Expo again and collaborating with the State Chamber and others on making Delaware's permitting process more competitive."

Ms. Kmiec earned a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Southern Illinois University, and a Master of Administration from the University of California at Davis.

Mr. Morrill, who has served as Executive Director since 2010, will continue to advise the organization on legislative and regulatory issues through June of 2019.

The State Chamber congratulates Mr. Morrill on his retirements and looks forward to a continued partnership with The Committee of 100 under Ms. Kmiec's leadership.

**Jennifer Kmiec quoted*