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### HISTORIC NASHVILLE CELEBRATES 45 YEARS OF SERVICE, ANNOUNCES 2014 OFFICERS AT ANNUAL MEETING

*NASHVILLE, TN, Feb. 7, 2013* – Historic Nashville, Inc., the oldest local non-profit historic preservation organization in Tennessee, launched a new year focused on community involvement at its Annual Membership meeting last week.

The event featured Bob Tuke, former Historic Nashville president and key player in the preservation of Union Station. Tuke also created the organization's Preservation Easement program, the first in the state, which has been used as a model for other cities and organizations. During the meeting, the members approved the installation of 2014 officers and a new board member.

In keeping with Historic Nashville's support of the creative re-use of historic buildings the event was held at the old Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta's Nashville branch at 226 3rd Avenue North in downtown Nashville. Built in 1922, the Neoclassical Revival-style building has been transformed from a bank to a private residence. Historic Nashville members were given a rare look at the bank's original three-story vault.

"At the beginning of the year we take a moment to celebrate the hard work that proceeded us and celebrate successes the preservation community achieved in 2013; like the grace period for Cordell Hull, the complete renovation at Two Rivers Mansion and attention and hope for Kellytown archaeological site, one of our 2013 Nashville Nine," said Melissa Wyllie, Historic Nashville president. "This year, we are going to continue seeking the community's input to inform our programs, guide our work and extend our reach."

At the meeting, Historic Nashville launched a member survey asking for feedback and suggestions.

"We want to know what is important to the community, we don't want to guess," Wyllie said.

The organization's 2014 officers are: **Melissa Wyllie**, president; **David Price**, vice president; **Jared King**, treasurer and **Robbie Jones**, secretary.

Also during the meeting, **Connie Gee**, a Nashville preservation advocate and former schoolteacher, was elected to the Historic Nashville board. She will bring her education and non-profit experience to leading Historic Nashville's popular Behind the Scenes Tour program.

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### **About Historic Nashville, Inc.**

Established in 1968 and renamed in 1975, Historic Nashville, Inc. (HNI) is a nonprofit 501(c)3 membership organization with the mission to promote and preserve the historic places that make Nashville unique. Over the years, HNI has successfully advocated for the preservation of such historic places the Ryman Auditorium, Union Station, Hermitage Hotel, 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue & Lower Broadway, and Shelby Street Bridge, as well as neighborhood historic districts throughout the city. In 1982, HNI established the state's first Preservation Easement program and currently owns easements on 16 historic landmarks with a market value of over \$30 million. HNI hosts an annual membership meeting, publishes a newsletter, maintains a website, hosts educational programs such as tours and the annual Nashville Nine list of endangered properties. For additional information, please visit [www.historicnashvilleinc.org](http://www.historicnashvilleinc.org) and our Facebook page.