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**SmithGroupJJR Elects four to Board of Directors**

**Kranz, Newman, Shockey and Tracey elevated**

**May 21, 2015** – [SmithGroupJJR](http://www.smithgroupjjr.com/), one of the leading architecture, engineering and planning firms in the U.S., has elected Mark Kranz, Lise Newman, Sven Shockey and Tim Tracey to join its Board of Directors.

[**Mark Kranz**](http://www.smithgroupjjr.com/people/mark-kranz)

Mark Kranz, AIA, LEED AP, is a design principal at SmithGroupJJR’s Phoenix office. A member of the Science & Technology practice, Kranz was project designer for the $135 million [Energy Systems Integration Facility](http://www.smithgroupjjr.com/projects/energy-systems-integration-facility#.VVOS7qPD9aQ) at the National Renewable Energy Lab, which earned LEED Platinum and was named *R&D* Magazine’s “Lab of the Year” in 2014. He’s led design teams that have been honored with national AIA Committee on Architecture for Education (CAE) Design Awards for three out of the past four years. Presently, Kranz is designer for the new Mechanical Engineering Building at the University of Texas at Dallas and the new County of San Diego Crime Laboratory. He is a graduate of Arizona State University with a Master of Architecture degree, preceded by a Bachelor of Science in Architectural Studies from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

[**Lise Newman**](http://www.smithgroupjjr.com/people/lise-newman)

Lise Newman, AIA, leads the [Workplace](http://www.smithgroupjjr.com/practice_areas/workplace) Studio at SmithGroupJJR’s Detroit office. Her 30-year career has been dedicated to the programming, planning and design of workplace facilities and related functions. Her clients in southeastern Michigan include Ford Motor Company, Google, Microsoft, Plante Moran, Lake Trust Credit Union and Olympia Development Company. Newman came to SmithGroupJJR in 2013 after serving as owner and principal-in-charge of design at Landry + Newman ARCHITECTURE in Birmingham, Michigan, during which she led headquarters projects for clients such as Mercedes-Benz Financial and Taubman Centers. She is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin with a Bachelor of Architecture degree, preceded by undergraduate study in business administration from Trinity University, San Antonio.

[**Sven Shockey**](http://www.smithgroupjjr.com/people/sven-shockey)

Sven Shockey, AIA, LEED AP BD+C, is a design principal with SmithGroupJJR’s Washington, DC [Workplace](http://www.smithgroupjjr.com/practice_areas/workplace) Studio,where he contributes to a variety of mixed-use, commercial and institutional projects. Shockey has led the planning and design of large-scale mixed-use development master plans, base buildings, and numerous interior fit-outs at locations across the U.S. With a passion for rigorous, idea-driven design, his most notable work includes [Scotts Run](http://www.smithgroupjjr.com/projects/scotts-run-station-south), an 8.5 million-square-foot master plan in Tysons Corner, Virginia; the new [Washington National Cathedral Visitor Gateway](http://www.smithgroupjjr.com/projects/washington-national-cathedral-visitor-gateway), and the Neural and Behavioral Sciences building at the University of Pennsylvania, now under construction. Shockey is currently serving a design principal for a world-class headquarters building for a Washington, DC area utility. He received a Bachelor of Arts in Cognitive Science from the University of Rochester, and a Master of Architecture from Virginia Tech.

[**Tim Tracey**](http://www.smithgroupjjr.com/people/tim-tracey)

Tim Tracey, AIA, is director of SmithGroupJJR’s Chicago office. In his role, he is focused on strengthening the office’s holistic and integrated design process while continuing to reinforce SmithGroupJJR’s reputation as an award-winning firm. He is design principal for the $100 million [Center for Advanced Care](http://www.smithgroupjjr.com/projects/advocate-illinois-masonic-medical-center-center-for-advanced-care) at the Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center in Chicago, which opened in April 2015. Other clients include the Chamberlain Group, one of the cornerstone companies of The Duchossois Group, a privately held company with significant holdings in the consumer products, technology and service sectors. Tracey joined SmithGroupJJR’s Chicago office in 2010 as design director for the architecture practice. He is a graduate of the Illinois Institute of Technology, where he earned a Bachelor of Architecture degree.

**SmithGroupJJR** ([www.smithgroupjjr.com](http://www.smithgroupjjr.com/)) is a recognized [integrated](http://bit.ly/18pDMZI) architecture, engineering and planning firm in the U.S. The 900-employee firm is organized into eight client industry-focused practices: Health, Workplace, Learning, Science & Technology, Cultural, Urban Design, Campus and Waterfront.SmithGroupJJR is one of the nation’s top ranked in [sustainable](http://www.smithgroupjjr.com/sustainability) design with 124 LEED certified projects and 360 LEED accredited professionals.

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