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Monterey County Film Commission Board of Directors elects new Board Member, Board Officers

The Monterey County Film Commission board of directors has elected Tanya Olson to its board of directors for a three-year term, and voted in new board officers for the next year.

The officers are Gary Bolen, president; Julia Avery-Rudey, vice president, Sandi Austin, secretary; Jeff Clark, treasurer, and Garland Thompson as president emeritus.

Olson is a Marina resident, retiring as a U.S. Army Colonel after 30 years of service including a deployment to Iraq. Now a film producer, her works include documentaries and short films. She has written a children's television show and feature-length screenplay, and volunteered in schools as a creative drama instructor working with children from kindergarten through 8th grade.

Olson has a B.A. in geography from U.C. Santa Barbara, a Master of Arts in communication arts from Austin Peay State University, a Masters in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College, a B.A. in film from University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and holds a Master of Fine Arts in producing from the American Film Institute Conservatory.

The Monterey County Film Commission was established by the Monterey County Board of Supervisors in 1987 to attract and facilitate film productions for economic development. The film commission estimates more than \$122 million in positive economic impact has come into Monterey County communities from on-location film productions since it began.

The nonprofit organization seeks volunteer board members from all parts of Monterey County, especially the Salinas Valley and North County, and those with nonprofit experience and diverse fields of interest. For more information, call 831-646-0910, email info@FilmMonterey.org, or download an application form at www.FilmMonterey.org.

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The Monterey County Film Commission is a nonprofit organization, created by and funded in part by the Monterey County Board of Supervisors. Its mission is to inspire and facilitate film and media production throughout Monterey County, creating positive economic impact.