

# Cultural coalition elects six directors

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New London — The Southeastern Connecticut Cultural Coalition has added six new members to its board of directors.

Elected during the coalition's annual meeting Friday were: Aundre Bumgardner, a former state representative from Groton; Jose Garaycochea, executive director of Expressiones Cultural Center; Kristina Jordan, director of special services for New London Public Schools; Deborah MacDonnell, director of public relations for Connecticut College; Jason Mancini, executive director of the Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center; and Joseph Smith, a member of the Mohegan Tribal Council.

Coalition officers also were elected during the meeting.

They were: chair, Lisa McGinley, retired deputy managing editor of *The Day*; vice chair, Robert Richter, director of arts programming for Connecticut College; treasurer, Wes Pulver, executive director of the National Coast Guard Museum Association Inc.; and secretary, Regan Miner, consultant for the Norwich Historical Society.

The coalition, a nonprofit organization, seeks to contribute to the cultural identity, economy and quality of life of the region by advocating and supporting arts, heritage, cultural and business activities and organizations.