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THE MOEBIUS SYNDROME FOUNDATION WELCOMES FOUR NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS

Changes to the Executive Committee have also been made

The Moebius Syndrome Foundation (MSF) has welcomed four new members to the Board of Directors.

In the early fall of 2021, the MSF put out a call for board member applications, and received applications from very qualified candidates. After an extensive interview process, four stood out with their combination of experiences and skills.

The four new members are Destiny Bachman, Jon Fisher, Kathryn Kraus and KiOwana Phillips. They come from all four corners of the United States, and each bring their own set of skills and experience with Moebius syndrome.

Destiny Bachman holds a Masters degree in Political Science, is a mother to a child with Moebius syndrome, and wants to help deepen relationships with new parents joining our community. She is currently taking courses in IEP and 504 plans so that she can help other parents. Jon Fisher hold a Bachelor in Music Education degree, is an adult with Moebius syndrome who has been actively involved with leading some MSF virtual events, and serving on the Conference Committee. He is excited to fundraise, help raise awareness about Moebius syndrome, and advocate for the Moebius community. Kathryn Kraus holds a Medical Degree, and although now retired, worked for 30 years in the field of Internal Medicine, Allergy, and Immunology. She has an adult daughter with Moebius syndrome. Dr. Kraus has served on many boards and is looking forward to helping the MSF expand it's research efforts, as well as raise funds through grant writing. KiOwana Phillips holds a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice and a Master's Degree in Human Resources Management. She is an active duty soldier in the U.S. Army, and previously served as a Regional Coordinator with the MSF. KiOwana is passionate

about connecting with the Moebius community, mentoring, and serving. She is a mother to a teenager with Moebius syndrome.

With the appointment of the four new members, there are now 12 individuals who sit on the board, with one of those members being international (Canada).

There has also been a change to the Executive Committee of the board. Steven Maldonado, an adult with Moebius syndrome, has filled the vacant vice-president role.

The Moebius Syndrome Foundation extends its warmest welcome to the new board members and our new vice-president, Steven!

The Moebius Syndrome Foundation is the nation's largest organization dedicated to providing information and support to people with Moebius syndrome and their families. The Foundation also has the support of a Scientific Advisory Board which is dedicated to research into the cause of Moebius syndrome and treatments that may help people living with the condition.

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For more information about the Moebius Syndrome Foundation board of directors, and to read the bios of the new members, please visit

<https://moebiussyndrome.org/who-we-are/foundation-leadership/>