

J. MARION SIMS FOUNDATION ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

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Members of the legal, financial, medical, and industrial management professions have been elected to positions of leadership by the board of trustees of the J. Marion Sims Foundation. All of the newly-elected officers were elected to two-year terms that begin January 1, 2015.

Lancaster attorney Robert K. Folks has been elected chairman of the board. Mr. Folks has practiced law in Lancaster since 1973 and is a partner in the firm of Folks & DeVenny. A graduate of the University of South Carolina, he holds a law degree from the USC School of Law. Mr. Folks currently serves as a trustee and [Chairman of the Board](#) of Thornwell Home for Children and has held trusteeships and chair positions with Lancaster County School Board and the Lancaster County Community Foundation. He also has been a trustee of Presbyterian College. His civic involvement in Lancaster includes being a member and past president of the Lancaster Breakfast Rotary Club. Mr. Folks served as the foundation's attorney from 1995 until he became a trustee of the foundation in 2006.

Phyllis B. Bunkley has been elected Vice Chair of the Board. Mrs. Bunkley, Senior Vice-President of Human Resources/Training for Founders Federal Credit Union, is a graduate of Kings College and the Credit Union National Association's Human Resource Management School. Mrs. Bunkley has served as Chairman of the Board of Directors for Communities in Schools of Lancaster County and the Education Committee for the Lancaster County Chamber of Commerce. She currently serves as Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Springs Memorial Hospital and is a member of the Lancaster Educational Assistance Program (LEAP). She also serves as a member of the USC-Lancaster Palmetto College Board of Visitors. Mrs. Bunkley became a foundation trustee in 2005.

R. Malcolm Edwards, MD, has been elected Treasurer. A Lancaster native, Dr. Edwards graduated from the University of South Carolina and the University of South Carolina School of Medicine (magna cum laude). He completed his ophthalmology residency training at Emory University in Atlanta. Dr. Edwards was actively involved in the surgical training of Emory eye residents and taught at Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta. Dr. Edwards has served as chief of staff and chief of surgery at Springs Memorial Hospital. He is also a past president of the Lancaster Rotary Club and led the founding of CareNet, an organization that helps provide free

and low-cost healthcare to indigent and low-income members of the community. Dr. Edwards became a trustee of the foundation in 2003.

Marvin L. Starks has been elected Secretary. Mr. Starks is general manager of Nibrol, a manufacturer of cording for the window coverings industry. A graduate of Clemson University, he is a former board member of the Lancaster County Partners for Youth organization. He served as Chairman of the Catawba Region Workforce Investment Board and HOPE in Lancaster. He was also a board member of the Lancaster County Chamber of Commerce and the Catawba Regional Education Center. Mr. Starks completed the 2008 Hull Fellows Program offered by the Southeastern Council of Foundations and in 2012 received a certificate in Non-Profit Management from Winthrop University. Mr. Starks' additional past community service includes chairmanships of the United Way of Lancaster County, and the Healthy Lancaster Project, and service as vice chair of the Lancaster County Partners for Youth. He was recognized in 2005 as the outstanding private sector board member for the Catawba region by the Catawba Workforce Investment Board and was named the outstanding private sector volunteer by the South Carolina State Workforce Investment Board in 2005 and 2008. Mr. Starks became a trustee of the foundation in 2006.

The J. Marion Sims Foundation's mission is to support programs and projects of prevention and education that enhance the health and wellness of the citizens of Lancaster County and the communities of Great Falls and Fort Lawn.