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### **CelticMKE Announces 2021 Board of Directors**

**MILWAUKEE (January 2021)** - CelticMKE, home of Milwaukee Irish Fest, has appointed two new board members for 2021: Caitlin Hegedus, of Muskegon, MI and Chris Budish, of Menomonee Falls.

Hegedus grew up with the festival, having taken part in the youth volunteer program and the Irish Fest Choir. She helps with our Guest Relations component of the festival and will bring her expertise of tourism marketing and management from her professional career to the organization.

Budish has volunteered with Irish Fest for over 10 years, helping with artist merchandising. His 25+ year career in IT and technical support and experience in live performance management will aid in the organization's efforts in adapting to newer technologies and festival operations.

Hegedus and Budish will bring their volunteer and professional experiences to help the organization grow and continue to serve its mission. They will join Matt Jendrzeczyk, Bridget Jaskulski, Linda Clark Klibowitz, Bernie McCartan, Linda Daley, Greg Baran, Paul Crawford, John Daley, Patrick Fitzgibbons, Nancy Flagg, Dave Modlinski, Mona Pliskie, and Catherine Ward. This year's elected officers are: Jendrzeczyk, president; Jaskulski, vice-president; McCartan, secretary and Linda Daley, treasurer.

#### **About CelticMKE**

CelticMKE is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and promoting both the heritage of Celtic nations and their current cultures. Through original programming and events, CelticMKE aims to celebrate all aspects of Irish, Irish American and Celtic cultures and to also instill an appreciation of these cultures in current and future generations. CelticMKE produces Milwaukee Irish Fest, along with a variety of Celtic themed concerts, lectures, music workshops and classes and cultural heritage projects. For more information about CelticMKE, please visit [celticmke.com](http://celticmke.com).

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