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## **KINBER ANNOUNCES CREATION OF KEYSTONEREN**

*Carrie Rampp Elected as Board Chair; Grant Dull Named Executive Director*

**LITITZ, Pa. (Aug. 7, 2023)** — KINBER today announced the creation of KeystoneREN, a wholly owned subsidiary of KINBER. KeystoneREN is an independently managed and operated entity of KINBER with a focus on research, education and community networking. The aim of KeystoneREN is to provide and advance research and education networking and empower communities across the commonwealth.

“We are excited to announce the creation of KeystoneREN,” said Nathan Flood, president and CEO of KINBER. “Research, education and community networking has always been a core part of KINBER. As the KINBER organization begins focusing on a broader set of digital equity and inclusion issues, it was important to the board of directors to provide focus on the organization’s legacy.”

KINBER appointed a board of managers to provide leadership and oversight of the new organization. Carrie Rampp, vice president and chief information officer at Franklin and Marshall College, has been elected as the first chair of the KeystoneREN board of managers.

“It’s an honor to serve as the initial chair of KeystoneREN,” said Rampp. “Research and education networking is a key component in enabling Pennsylvania institutions and organizations of all sizes to collaborate on a variety of opportunities.”

As one of its first decisions, KeystoneREN chose Grant Dull to serve as executive director of the organization. Dull brings significant experience in leadership to the organization.

“I am extremely proud to announce the addition of Grant Dull as the executive director of KeystoneREN,” said Rampp. “We need someone with immense business and leadership skills, deep knowledge of our industry, and an influential network to help our organization take flight, and we are certain that Dull is that person.”

Dull comes to KeystoneREN with over 10 years of leadership. Most recently, he was the senior director of business development for FirstLight Fiber. Prior to that, Dull served as the director of business development and operations for KINBER, KeystoneREN’s parent company, where he played a substantial role in year-over-year growth.

“There is no doubt in my mind that Rampp and Dull will be extremely valuable assets to KeystoneREN,” said John O’Keefe, chair of the KINBER board of directors. “We witnessed their incredible work and interactions with KINBER, and are excited to see what change KeystoneREN brings to the research and education communities.”

Dull said, “I am honored to serve as the executive director of KeystoneREN. Many possibilities lie in the organization’s future, and I am excited by the prospect of making a significant impact again in both the research and education communities. We are in a unique time where connectivity is at the forefront of everyone’s mind, and we look forward to playing an impactful role.”

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#### **About KINBER**

KINBER is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization committed to working with communities, governments, businesses, and schools to advance digital equity and inclusion.

#### **About KeystoneREN**

KeystoneREN is a wholly owned subsidiary of KINBER. The driving focus of KeystoneREN is to provide and advance research and education networking and empower communities across the state.

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