

## **Computer Museum of America Names Rena Youngblood to Executive Director Position**

*(Roswell, Georgia)* The Computer Museum of America Board of Directors has named Rena Youngblood as Executive Director. She is the first professional to serve in the role and started in early January.

Since 2015, Youngblood has served as Senior Director of Charter School Services for the Association of American Educators which is based in California. She is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte with a Bachelor's degree in English Literature and minor in Communication.

"Rena's background in the education field merges extremely well with the mission of the museum," according to Lonnie Mimms, Chair of the Board and Founder. "Her keen sense of marketing and ability to tackle new initiatives are key reasons behind the board's decision. Preservation and education are two of CMOA's cornerstones."



*Rena Youngblood*

The mission of the museum is to preserve examples of computing artifacts that contributed to the digital revolution, to catalog these historically important artifacts, and record their surrounding history.

Youngblood will be accountable for leading and directing all aspects of the organization, including managing finances and overseeing fundraising; communications and marketing; education and programming; stewardship and management of facilities and collections; and building positive working relationships with the Board of Directors, community, external partners, stakeholders, visitors to the museum and donors.

"I am humbled by the opportunity to work with a new organization like the CMOA," Youngblood said. "I look forward to building new partnerships for the museum and growing our visitation over the next few months. Lonnie and Karin Mimms have created a 'must visit' venue in Roswell for everyone to experience."

The museum was created to preserve technology's history and educate visitors on the past and future of computing, empowering the innovators of tomorrow. Developed from the passions of Lonnie Mimms, an avid lover of computers and technology over a period of 40 years, CMOA has evolved into one of the world's most

comprehensive collections of computing artifacts, preserving the history of computing for future generations. From this collection, the founder and his team have curated engaging exhibits to share the stories from the history of computing.

Other positions held by Youngblood include Director of Membership and Member Business Services, Georgia Charter Schools Association; and Educational Consultant, Paxton / Patterson; and Sales Representative, Ceridian Employer Services.

Youngblood and her husband, Steve, live in Alpharetta. They have two sons, Chris and Michael.

**About the Computer Museum of America.** Located at 5000 Commerce Parkway in Roswell, Georgia, the CMOA has a host of exhibits relating to the technology evolution. Classroom space and a larger event venue are also available. The museum is open on Saturdays 10 am until 5 pm and Sundays Noon until 5 pm. There is an admission charge. Family memberships are also available.

**About The Chason Group.** The executive search for the CMOA was conducted by The Chason Group, an executive search firm specializing in economic development, chambers of commerce, tourism, foundations and other non-profit organizations. The firm also led the search for Andy Williams who serves as Executive Director of Visit Roswell.