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### **Watkins Glen Native Phyllisa DeSarno Joins IMRRC Governing Council**

WATKINS GLEN, N.Y. (May 3, 2023) – The Governing Council of the International Motor Racing Research Center (IMRRC) in Watkins Glen, New York has appointed Phyllisa A. DeSarno as its most recent Governing Council member. The IMRRC’s Governing Council guides the organization and is composed of racing aficionados, library professionals and civic and community leaders from across the United States. “Phyllisa’s varied professional experience will benefit us considerably as we continue to celebrate our 25th anniversary, and beyond,” says IMRRC Executive Director Mark Steigerwald.

After graduating from Elmira College and attending Syracuse University’s School of International Studies, DeSarno taught English before moving into Community and Economic Development. She was employed by Corning Inc. and Corning Community College before retiring as the City of Ithaca’s Director of Economic Development. She has been a member of many community organizations throughout her long career and currently sits on the Schuyler Health Foundation Board. “I am looking forward to joining the IMRRC Governing Council,” DeSarno says of her appointment, “it will be an exciting three years with growth as the major focus. Andiamo... let’s go!”

DeSarno lives in Watkins Glen with her husband, Peter, and their dog, Phoebe.

#### **About the International Motor Racing Research Center (IMRRC)**

##### **Celebrating 25 years!**

Located in one of the premier racing towns in America, the IMRRC’s collection spans continents, eras and race series, embodying the speed, drama and camaraderie of amateur and professional motor racing throughout the world. The Center welcomes serious researchers and casual fans alike to share stories of race drivers, race series and race cars captured on its shelves and walls and brought to life through exhibitions and special events. The IMRRC is free and open to the public, no appointment necessary, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. More at [racingarchives.org](http://racingarchives.org).

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