

Contact: Kimberly Russell, Marketing Manager 713-493-2443 / krussell@wsbellows.com

## Fourth Generation of Bellows Family Steps into Leadership Role at W. S. Bellows Construction Corporation

Jack Bellows Named President of 104-Year-Old Company



Houston, TX – May 21, 2018 – W. S. Bellows Construction Corporation announced today that Jack Bellows, greatgrandson of founder Warren S. Bellows, will become president of the 104-year-old family-owned company, effective Sept. 4, 2018. As a fourth-generation Bellows leading the company, Jack Bellows follows the company's time-honored tradition of multi-generational family leadership.

Laura D. Bellows, who currently serves as president and chairman, will continue to serve as chairman and C.E.O.,

working side-by-side with her son Jack as he steadily transitions into additional leadership roles. Jack Bellows will also work closely with C.O.O. Tony Mansoorian throughout the transition.

Jack Bellows, 33, graduated magna cum laude from Vanderbilt University in 2007 with a Bachelor of Engineering degree in civil engineering followed by an Master of Engineering in civil engineering in 2008. He joined Bellows Construction in 2008 and has worked on several notable Houston projects such as Texas Children's Hospital, BLVD Place and the Houston Zoo. Jack is currently project manager for the new Center for Conservation at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston.

"Having a thoughtful transition period is the smart thing to do," he said. "Bellows Construction has stayed successful for more than a century by keeping an eye on two important things: building successful buildings and building strong relationships. Our transition will be smooth and steady as we consider the best interests of all of our stakeholders: our people, our clients and our consultants."

Laura Bellows stepped into leadership at Bellows Construction in October 2007 when her husband Tom, the third-generation Bellows to run the business, died unexpectedly of a heart attack. "I suddenly became a widow, single parent, and majority owner of a construction business. Tom and I had been married twenty-seven years, so I knew all the players in the industry but had not been involved in the business. Many of our employees have spent their entire careers with us, and I didn't want to leave them stranded. Also, Jack was getting his master's degree in civil engineering and wanted to work in our family business, so I chose to step in and lead the company as the fourth generation of the Bellows family came aboard.

(more)







## P. 2 / Fourth Generation of Bellows Family Steps Into Leadership

"When I took over leadership of the company, it was sudden and unexpected. This time, we have the advantage of continuing the 104-year-old Bellows family tradition of a smooth and solid leadership transition that reinforces the strong foundation of trust and relationships which undergirds Bellows Construction."

## **About W. S. Bellows Construction Corporation**

Family-owned and led since its founding in 1914, W. S. Bellows Construction Corporation has for more than a century helped shape Houston's skyline and has built many notable structures across Texas and the Southwest. The company's steadfast commitment to its dedicated, expert personnel, along with its commitment to the highest standards of safety which have earned the company more than 70 awards including the 2017 Grand Award for Safety Excellence by the National Associated General Contractors of America, form the solid core of the company's unshakable reputation for quality work and consummate client service.

###



