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James A. Essey Named Treasurer of the American Brain Foundation

(MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 23) – Today, the American Brain Foundation (ABF) announced the appointment of James A. Essey as Treasurer of its board of directors. Essey joined the board in 2018.

Essey is president and CEO of The TemPositions Group of Companies, one of the largest regional staffing firms in the nation. The company provides temporary/contract, temp-to-perm and permanent placement staffing in accounting and finance, information technology, office support, human resources, legal, hospitality, logistics, education, and health care. Under Essey's leadership, TemPositions is one of the few full-service staffing companies in the market today, employing approximately 6,500 people each year.

Advocating for the treatment and cure of brain disease is a family value. Essey's mother, Sheila, was diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) and lived courageously with the debilitating disease for 10 years. In her honor, the Sheila Essey Award was established in 1996 by the American Academy of Neurology and ALS Association and funded by the Essey family through the American Brain Foundation. Annually, the award recognizes significant contributions in research towards the cause, treatment, prevention, or cure of ALS. Awardees receive a certificate of recognition and a \$50,000 prize to fund their ALS research.

"I was flattered to be asked to join the ABF board so I could help have an impact in the treatment and eventual cure of brain disease which affects so many people each and every day," said Essey. "As Treasurer, I hope to help guide the organization to be even more successful in raising the funds necessary to make a meaningful difference to those suffering from all forms of brain disease and hopefully, prevent others from being afflicted."

In addition to the American Brain Foundation, Essey sits on the boards of the American Staffing Association and New York Staffing Association. He recently completed 20 years on the board of the Metro Chapter of the Young Presidents' Organization, where he headed the Community Participation Program. Is also is active with the DARE program and DEA Educational Foundation. He holds a BA from Trinity College (Hartford), a General Course degree from the London School of Economics and an MBA from Harvard University.

Essey is one of four incoming ABF board officers, including Chair, David W. Dodick, MD, FAAN, Mayo Clinic Arizona; Vice Chair, Susan Schneider Williams, fine artist; Treasurer, James Essey, The TemPositions Group; and Secretary, Shafali Jeste, MD, FAAN, UCLA Semel Institute.

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