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**Lincoln Park Zoo Vice President of Animal Care and Education  
Megan R. Ross, Ph.D. Elected to  
Association of Zoos and Aquariums Ethics Board**

**Silver Spring, Maryland (Oct. 19, 2015)** – The membership of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) has elected Megan R. Ross, Ph.D., Vice President of Animal Care and Education at Lincoln Park Zoo, to its Ethics Board.



“AZA-accredited aquariums and zoos will benefit from Megan’s thoughtful leadership and extensive experience,” said AZA President and CEO Jim Maddy. “The entire AZA community recognizes Megan’s commitment to the highest ethical standards in the aquarium and zoo profession.”

The nine-member AZA Ethics Board is responsible for interpreting and enforcing the Association’s Code of Professional Ethics, which set high standards of conduct for the zoo and aquarium profession (<https://www.aza.org/Ethics/>).

In her role at Lincoln Park Zoo, Ross has supported the institutional commitment to animal welfare, educational programming and conservation initiatives. These experiences, Ross explained, will help guide her role with the AZA Ethics Board to work on broader impacts across the zoo and aquarium community.

“I’m honored to be selected to this important group and work on behalf of the accredited zoo community to ensure that the highest principles of our profession are upheld,” said Ross.

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**About AZA**

Founded in 1924, the Association of Zoos and Aquariums is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the advancement of zoos and aquariums in the areas of conservation, animal welfare, education, science, and recreation. AZA is the accrediting body for the top zoos and aquariums

in the United States and seven other countries. Look for the AZA accreditation logo whenever you visit a zoo or aquarium as your assurance that you are supporting a facility dedicated to providing excellent care for animals, a great experience for you, and a better future for all living things. The AZA is a leader in saving species and your link to helping animals all over the world. To learn more, visit [www.aza.org](http://www.aza.org).

### **ABOUT LINCOLN PARK ZOO**

Lincoln Park Zoo, a historic Chicago landmark founded in 1868, is dedicated to connecting people with nature by providing a free, family-oriented wildlife experience. A leader in conservation science both globally and locally, the zoo exemplifies the highest quality animal care and educational outreach. The not-for-profit zoo, managed by The Lincoln Park Zoological Society, is a member-supported organization and one of the nation's only free, privately managed zoos. For more information, call 312 -742-2000 or visit [www.lpzoo.org](http://www.lpzoo.org).