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CSUS Fundraiser Chosen to Lead Biomedical Organization

The California Biomedical Research Association and the California Society for Biomedical Research, companion organizations that share a common office and staff, have chosen Amanda Carson Banks as their new president and CEO after an extensive search. Prior to taking the helm at CBRA/CSBR, Banks was director of development and major gifts officer for the College of Engineering and Computer Science at California State University, Sacramento, where she increased charitable giving to the college by 300% over three years. Banks has ten years' experience in academic and non-profit administration, including posts at Vanderbilt University's graduate and divinity schools. She retains an adjunct appointment at CSUS.

Banks is the author of *Birth Chairs, Midwives, and Medicine* (University Press of Mississippi, 1999) and is writing a text on the history of worship and healing traditions of wells and spas in western Europe and America. She holds a doctorate from the University of Pennsylvania. She currently serves on the board of the Institute for Healthy Birth Options, and of Venture Out, a non-profit organization providing health education and active outdoor experiences for underprivileged children.

The CBRA/CSBR, based in Sacramento, are membership and education organizations that advocate for the continued advancement of human and animal health through biomedical research, teaching, and testing; promote public understanding, education, and support of biomedical research; and participate in legislation at the local and state level. www.ca-csbr.org and www.ca-biomed.org.

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