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Disney Executive to Step Down

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (Apr. 21, 2014) – Disney Media Group top executive Anne Sweeney will step down in January 2015.

Currently, Sweeney serves as the co-chair of Disney Media Network, as well as the president of Disney/ABC Television Group. Sweeney oversees The Walt Disney Co.'s global entertainment and news television properties. These include ABC Television Network and Disney Channels Worldwide.

Prior to joining The Walt Disney Co. in February 1996, Sweeney spent 12 years at Nickelodeon/Nick at Nite in various executive positions. From 1993-1996, she served as the chairman and CEO of FX Networks, Inc.

Sweeney wishes to pursue her lifelong dream as a TV director. She has enjoyed an 18-year career of several achievements and widespread evolution at The Walt Disney Co.

She said, "But as wonderful as the experience has been, there has always been a nagging voice in the back of my head pushing me to step out of the comfort zone of the executive ranks and more directly into the creative arena that enticed me to TV in the first place."

Disney chairman-CEO Bob Iger applauds Sweeney for taking a new direction. He recognizes her accomplishments over her time at the company. He said, "I applaud Anne for knowing what she wants out of life and for having the courage to follow her dream. We're thrilled she'll be with us through the end of the year, and look forward to having her direct one of our shows in the future."

Sweeney appreciates Iger's leadership, guidance and friendship throughout the years. She looks forward to serving the remainder of 2014 advancing the TV Group for more success.

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