When he joined the MAG Board of Managers in 2005, Andy Gallina lost no time finding his niche. An engineer and a commercial real estate developer, he was quickly tapped to head the building and grounds committee—a Board subcommittee charged with identifying and articulating the particular needs of an aging facility constructed in five stages between 1913 and 1987.

Three years later, Gallina is still heavily involved with buildings and grounds, but as of July 1 he added a new job—that of Board president. As president, he’ll be very much a part of developing and finalizing a strategic plan for the Gallery as it approaches its centennial in 2013. He’ll preside over proposals to revitalize the museum entrance and grounds, launch a major initiative focusing on craft art and design in western New York, and reinstall the Gill Discovery Center. He’ll also play a key role in the developing relationship between the Gallery, the University of Rochester and the community.

In the opinion of director Grant Holcomb and past president Tom Hubbard, Gallina is ideally qualified. And he’s clearly hit the ground running. “Andy is most engaging and personable,” says Holcomb, “and he has demonstrated within weeks of assuming the presidency that he is a pro-active and dynamic leader.”

Family and community
A native of Rochester, Gallina graduated from West Irondequoit High School. After four years at Brown University, where he earned his engineering degree, he returned to Rochester to be near his close-knit family. He went to work for his father, a home builder, and has never looked back. Today, he’s the principal of Gallina Development Corporation, which develops, owns and manages such commercial projects as Elmgrove Crossings, Vantage Point Business Center, Summit Point Business Park and Total Sports Experience.

The Gallina family is not only close-knit but also civic-minded. Gallina’s sister, Rochester Councilwoman Elaine Spaull, serves with him on the MAG Board of Managers. And his wife, Karen, is active on many community boards, including Al Sigl Center, where Andy is currently Board president. He’s also been chair of the YMCA of Greater Rochester, where he continues to serve on the Board of Directors.

“The quality of life in the community is important for economic viability and growth,” says Gallina, who cites the impressive number of cultural institutions that Rochester boasts.

As for MAG, he admits it has other benefits. “Just walking through the Gallery brings my blood pressure down.”

Also on board
In addition to Andy Gallina, the Board of Managers has elected these officers for 2008–09: 1st vice president Theresa Mazzullo; secretary Mary M. Koegel; treasurer Ronald Paprocki; and chair Samuel T. Hubbard.

The Board also elected these new members to three-year terms:

- Ted Boucher, president and CEO of Caldwell Manufacturing Company
- Victoria Cherry, essayist and photographer
- Mary Crowe, designer, Vitoch Interiors, and past president, Gallery Council
- Stephen Kelley, vice president, Bank of America
- Fabricio Morales, president and CEO of FM Office Express, Inc.