

WCGN DIRECTORS 2016-2017



Jenny Berg has a passion to help nonprofits, especially in the health and human services sector, to become better, stronger, collaborative, and more impactful. In her current position as Executive Director of The Leadership Council of Human Services Executives she has the opportunity to connect with the leaders of many human services agencies in her community and to find out what their needs are. Prior to the Leadership Council position, she served on the board of Impact 100 in Cincinnati for six years, including two years as board president, and she remains a passionate member. She currently serves on the board of Women Helping Women, and the Pastoral Council Advisory Board of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. In the past she has served on the board, and also as board chair, of Tender

Mercies & Ursuline Academy, and is an alumna of the Leadership Cincinnati Class #35. She lives with her husband Jim and three children.



Ellan Bernstein was the secretary of the founding Board of Directors of Impact100 Philadelphia and served as co-president of the organization. She was also charged with starting the Founders Fellowship program which offers Impact100 membership to younger members. Ellan has been practicing real estate law for over 30 years in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She also serves on the board of directors of the Interfaith Center of Greater Philadelphia, the executive committee of her synagogue and the grants committee of the Philadelphia Bar Foundation, a non-profit organization that supports legal service

organizations in Philadelphia. Ellan has a long term commitment to giving back to her community through her service on multiple boards and volunteering her time at her children's schools. She lives with her husband and has three grown children. Ellan loves to play tennis, travel and spent time at the beach in her Margate, New Jersey home.



Rebekah Bonde is Immediate Past Chair of the Board of Directors of Impact Austin and Board Treasurer of Women's Collective Giving Grantmaker's Network. While in board leadership, she chaired the Audit, Finance, Personnel, and Governance Committees. Rebekah's previous board services include Street Youth Ministries, Sammamish Rotary Club, and Women's Enterprises (all based in Seattle). Her work in women's philanthropy is featured in network webinars and conferences, local media, and in The Huffington Post Blog.

Born and raised in Missoula, Montana, Rebekah's childhood was filled with "up close and personal" encounters with wildlife and nature, and that sparked a lifelong interest in environmental stewardship, global travel, and volunteer work. Retiring from a career in financial analytical consulting, Rebekah and her husband Paul moved to Austin, TX in 2011 from Seattle, where they launched a volunteer based financial counseling and coaching ministry. Rebekah and her husband are supporters of Central Texas Food Bank, having been featured in their fundraising promotions, and other local organizations focused around poverty relief. Rebekah holds a BA degree in International Business and a BBA degree in Accounting from Abilene Christian University with minors in Economics and French.



Celia Canfield is a skilled communications expert with over 30 years of print and Web publishing experience with some of the leading publishing companies. As an entrepreneur, Celia co-founded a successful custom content creation agency, Tendo Communications, where she helped some world-famous brands achieve success with customer outreach programs. In 2007, Celia established a sustainability marketing consultancy firm, EcoVertex, which focuses on companies that wish to extend their impact with sustainable solutions. Celia's passion for combining her marketing expertise with important issues has resulted in work with non-profit organizations such as Small Business Majority where she is Board



president and serves as the Clean Energy Economy Policy Director. She has been a Board member of City Car Share, and also serves as Board co-president of Impact100 Sonoma. A regular speaker on the topics of sustainability, socially responsible marketing, entrepreneurship and energy efficiency, Celia has been featured at many conferences. She is an adjunct professor for entrepreneurship and business management at Skyline Community College, San Bruno, CA.



Dale Lothrop Clifford became a member of the Women's Giving Alliance (WGA) in Jacksonville, FL in 2006 because a friend invited her to a WGA education event. She soon became active on the grants decision team, has served as grants committee co-chair and is currently second vice president.

Dale retired in 2012 after 40 years as a history professor at the University of North Florida, during which time she also served as president of the faculty association, history

department chair, founding director of the honors program, and Associate Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences. As a military historian, Dale's particular interests are in the French Revolution and World War I; she also serves on the editorial advisory board of H-War. In the Jacksonville community she has served on various boards including those of Jacksonville Community Council, Inc., a civic involvement organization, and the Women's Center of Jacksonville. Her skills as a community volunteer include speaking and writing, organizing projects, and applying computer technology as well as teaching others to use it. Her enduring passions include history, libraries, sailing, and walking on the beach near her home.



Ginny Jarrett is co-founder and until recently administrative chair of the board of the Roanoke Women's Foundation which began in 2004. Ginny is a Senior Vice President of Davenport & co., LLC and has been a financial consultant for over thirty years. She is a graduate of the University of Georgia and Hollins University. She has been a board member and treasurer of the Association of Junior Leagues International as well as president of her local league. In her community of Roanoke, VA. Ginny has served as president of the YWCA and the Community Youth Program. She has also served on the boards of the Arts Council, the National Conference of Community and Justice and her church.



Paula Liang practiced corporate litigation in Chicago and New York, and taught a course in pre-trial litigation that she designed at the University of Maryland. But she found her passion when she took what she thought was "time out" to raise her three children.

Volunteer work quickly turned into leadership roles in non-profits, and eventually employment. She led two successful capital campaigns as a volunteer before accepting a job running the Annual Campaign for Greenwich Academy, a PreK-12 Girls' School in Greenwich, CT. Her most recent job before moving to Florida in 2011 was as the Development Director at REACH Prep, where she was responsible for raising the \$1.5 million annual budget needed to provide academic enrichment and independent school

placement to talented students trapped in failing public schools. When she moved to Jacksonville, she became involved in the non-profit world again, now serving as the President of the Women's Giving Alliance, the Secretary of the Board of the Hubbard House, as a Director of the Jacksonville PACE Center for Girls, and on the Advisory Board of Donasity, a Jacksonville-based online fundraising start-up. Paula will also co-chair the 2017 WCGN National Leadership Forum and will serve on WCGN's board as an ex-officio director in that capacity. She earned a B.A. from Brown University and a J.D. from Boston University.



Laura Midgley served as WCGN's founding board chair from 2013-2015 and led the Network's transition to become a 501(c)3 and to establish systems and policies for operation as a sustainable nonprofit. She is currently the chair of the WCGN Nominating Committee and co-chair of the Communications and Technology Committee. An active member of Washington Women's Foundation (WWF) in Seattle since 2002 and a director since 2009, Laura has served in many leadership roles at WWF, including chairing a number of committees (Cabinet, Discovery Days, Pooled Fund Grant, Innovation Partner Grant), and participating as a member of the Impact Assessment and Governance Committees.

She recently joined a second WCGN member organization -- the Wood River Women's Foundation -- in Ketchum, Idaho. Reflecting her long term passion for early learning, Laura served on the board of Child Care Resources for 12 years, including as its president. Other past board affiliations in Seattle include Program for Early Parent Support (PEPS), University Prep, and Rebuilding Together Seattle. Laura is a new member of the Seattle Chapter of the ARCS Foundation supporting the power of scientific and technological education to drive positive change in our world. She is a graduate of Trinity College in Hartford, CT with a BA in economics and had a career as a buyer before devoting her time to community service and raising a family. A transplanted New Yorker, she and her husband David raised their two daughters in Seattle, WA.



Virginia Mills has a passion for helping women recognize, harness, and utilize their talents and resources for the betterment of themselves and their communities. In her new home Boston, she is a board member of Womenade Boston and she's a marketing/communications professional working primarily with nonprofit clients. While in Minneapolis, she was involved in a number of start-ups. She was also an active community volunteer in Minneapolis. She was the past president and a founding member of GIVING WoMN, board member of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches, and past president of the Junior League of Minneapolis. She also was committed to coaching high school varsity girls tennis.

A native of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Virginia holds a BA from the University of Texas at Austin.



Sue Priester is a native of St. Louis, MO, and graduated from Ohio's Denison University with a BA in history. She holds a Masters Degree in Public and International Affairs from the University of Pittsburgh. Sue and her late husband, Kurt, moved to the Greenville, SC area in 1976. They founded Computer Dynamics -- a local manufacturer of industrial computers and flat panel display systems -- in Greer in 1981, and she remained with the company until 2001. She is currently President of Cliffwood Enterprises, a real estate and investment company, and is Trustee of the Priester Foundation. She is a co-founder and co-chair of Greenville Women Giving. Sue enjoys board service with community organizations including Greenville Symphony, the Community Foundation, the Partnership for Tomorrow, the Metropolitan Arts Council, and the Furman University Advisory Council. She was the 2004 Chairman of the Greer Chamber of Commerce and served on the board of the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce. In 2005 she was inducted into the Entrepreneurs Forum of Greenville Technical College. Sue has two grown children and her leisure interests include gardening, cooking, travel, reading, and spending time in her Cape May, New Jersey home.



Vicki Sheehan is an attorney and president of Sheehan Investment Services, which owns and manages office properties and a senior living community. A former Spirit of St. Louis Women's Fund (SOS) president, she is past chair of WCGN and chair of the 2014 WCGN Conference hosted by the Spirit of St. Louis Women's Fund. Active throughout her professional career in many nonprofit boards, including YWCA, Junior League of St. Louis, Independence Center, Haven of Grace and Community School, Vicki recently co-founded "Nonprofit Real Estate Advisors," blending her professional expertise with her nonprofit board experience to serve small to mid-sized nonprofits that require professional services and guidance in real estate matters.



Susan Smith serves as co-chair of the WCGN Membership Committee and was a founding director of WCGN. She was also one of the six Founding Members of the Idaho Women's Charitable Foundation, and she served as its president from 2001 to 2010. Susan is currently the membership chair, and was named Founding President in 2013. Susan has lived in Boise, Idaho since 1976 and has had a broad range of community volunteer experiences. Susan's involvement has included leadership positions with the Junior League, the YMCA, the Idaho Humane Society, and the Boise Art Museum. Susan has also had the privilege of working on several community fundraisers and being involved with her children's schools. Susan and her husband, Michael have four grown children.



Colleen Willoughby is the founder of the Washington Women's Foundation (WWF) where she served as president from 1995 to 2008. She has served as President of the Junior League of Seattle and has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Association of Junior Leagues International.

She has served on the boards of The Seattle Foundation, Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center Foundation, and the Saul and Dayee Haas Foundation. She has chaired the boards of Leadership Tomorrow, The Seattle Children's Home, and the United Way of King County. She is a founder of CityClub, a public affairs forum, and she currently serves as a member of the Advisory Board at the Evans School of Public Affairs at the University of Washington. She is a Trustee Emerita of Whitman College. In 2010 Colleen established WCGN in response to the growing interest from organizations involved in collective giving using the WWF model. Colleen is currently a Director of Global Women - Partners in Philanthropy, a newly established organization to advance the model of collective giving globally. She has visited China and Australia. She was a public middle school teacher and is a graduate of Whitman College.

WCGN Board Officers 2016-2017

Virginia Mills, Chair
Vicki Sheehan, Secretary
Jenny Berg, Chair Elect
Rebekah Bonde, Treasurer

Nominating Committee 2016-2017

Laura Midgley (Washington Women's Foundation, Seattle, WA and Wood River Women's Foundation Ketchum, ID) Nominating Chair / Immediate Past Chair
Virginia Mills (The Philanthropy Connection and Womenade Boston, Boston, MA), Chair
Jenny Berg (Impact 100, Cincinnati, OH), Chair Elect
Mary Broach (Impact100 Philadelphia), Member-at-large
Maureen Romito (Impact 100 Las Vegas), Member-at-large

Bios for members-at-large are below:



Mary Broach began her career as an investment banking analyst before shifting into the nonprofit sector, where she has worked more than 20 years as a development director, managing director, communications specialist and organizational consultant. In 2008, Mary co-founded Impact100 Philadelphia, a women's collective giving organization that awards \$100,000 grants to organizations in the Philadelphia region, and to date has raised more than \$2 million in funding toward its collective grants. She chairs the U.S. board of directors for Tabitha Cambodia, a community development organization, and

serves on the board of Bethel Academy, an after-school tutoring program. Mary holds a bachelor's degree in economics from Yale University. Together with Impact100 co-founder Beth Dahle, she was awarded PathwaysPA's 2009 Trailblazer Award and was named the 2010 New Generation Philanthropist of the Year by the Association of Fundraising Professionals Greater Philadelphia Chapter.



Maureen Romito has more than 30 years of executive-level human resources experience providing support for up to 7,000 employees in a global call center outsourcing company, a gaming machine manufacturer, and a commercial bank. Recently retired, she wanted to use her knowledge and experience in a project that will make a difference in the Southern Nevada community. She was excited to learn about the Impact 100 women's giving circles already thriving in communities around the U.S. Her enthusiasm for this organizational model led her to create Impact Las Vegas. Impact Las Vegas puts each women member in the financial position to make a significant, lasting difference in the lives of Southern Nevada citizens. We do this by combining 100% of member's \$1,000 donation and awarding large grants to local non-profits, thereby providing them with the resources to accomplish extraordinary things. Ms. Romito serves the organization as President and Founder.