



***Board of Trustees  
2012 - 2013***

**Mel Katz, Chair:** Co-owner and executive officer of Manpower. Immediate past chair of the San Diego Public Library Commission and past chair of the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce, San Diego Convention Center Corporation and San Diego Workforce Partnership. Currently serves as chair of Downtown Charter High, the high school in the New Central Library.

**Katie Sullivan, Vice Chair:** Chair of the San Diego Public Library Commission. Former President of the Scripps Ranch and citywide Friends of the San Diego Public Library. Co-founder and President of Citizens in Action for Local Libraries. Named Volunteer of the Year by both the San Diego Public Library and the Association of Fundraising Professionals. District board member of the National Charity League and the Girl Scouts of San Diego Imperial Council Capital Campaign Board. Board member of Center for Community Solutions and Voices for Children. Named Citizen of the Year by the Scripps Ranch community and the Mayor of San Diego named a day in her honor.

**Sarah White, Secretary:** Former Director of QUALCOMM's corporate library; responsible for its establishment and direction for fourteen years. Community involvement includes Francis Parker school and past service on the boards of Mama's Kitchen and the Hamilton-White Foundation.

**John Messner, Treasurer:** Founder, Co-Owner and CEO of Messner & Smith Investment Management, Ltd. Community involvement include serving on boards of the San Diego Foundation, San Diego Opera, and serving as Chairman of the Board, San Diego Repertory Theater. Served as a board member and as chairman of the San Diego County Retirement Board and President of the San Diego Estate Planning Council.

**Judith C. Harris, Immediate Past Chair:** Community volunteer. Served as chair of the San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture for three years and was on the Commission for eight years. Co-chaired fundraising capital and endowment campaigns for Scripps Memorial Cardiac Clinic, KPBS and City of San Diego Animal Welfare Complex. Trustee of the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund International. Former trustee of the San Diego Foundation, La Jolla Playhouse and Museum of Contemporary Art, San Diego

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**Deborah Barrow, Director of the San Diego Public Library:** With more than 20 years experience in corporate information and public library management, Deborah has served 13 years as the director of library systems in Northern California, including the City of Watsonville and the City of Sunnyvale. She began her career at several well-known multinational companies managing information and research services, including Getty Oil Company, the law firm O'Melveny & Myers and Hughes Aircraft Company, Ground Systems Group. Deborah obtained a B.A. in Anthropology from Scripps College and a Masters degree in Library Science from the University of Southern California. She has also served as an elected member of the California Library Association, local United Way organizations and other non-profit organizations.

**Marla Black:** Senior Vice President and Division Manager of Union Bank of California. Has more than 28 years' experience in the financial services industry (26 of those years with Union Bank) and has served in a number of management-level positions. An active participant in the community, she is a trustee of the Rady Children's Hospital Foundation and a board member for the United Way of San Diego County. A LEAD San Diego graduate, Marla is a current board member of the organization. She is the past president of the San Diego/Imperial counties Girl Scouts board of directors and a member of Achievement Rewards for College Seniors and P.E.O. International. Marla holds a Journalism degree from San Diego State University.

**Ron Busick:** Partner at KPMG LLP. Member of the Finance Committee for the San Diego Public Library Foundation for four years. Board of Trustee member for the Museum of Contemporary Art-San Diego. Former board member and Treasurer for San Diego Better Business Bureau and for Junior Achievement of San Diego & Imperial Counties.

**James R. Dawe, Esq., Founding Chair:** Mr. Dawe is member of the Executive Committee of the law firm Seltzer Caplan McMahon Vitek. His legal practice focuses on real property, land use administrative and environmental law. He has chaired numerous national, state and local library boards over two decades of volunteerism. Often referred to as "Mr. Library," he served nine years as chairman of the San Diego Public Library Commission, eight years on the California Library Services/Library of California Board (three years as president), and eight years on the Board of the Urban Libraries Council Board (three years as chair). In addition to chairing the Prop. 14 \$350 million library bond campaign in 2000, Mr. Dawe is an American Library Association designee as one of 10 outstanding library advocates *of the last 100 years* for the state of California. He was named Volunteer of the Year in 2003 by the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

**Vickie L. Church, MPA:** Past President and current board member of the Friends of the San Diego Public Library, coordinating 31 Friends Chapters across the City of San Diego. Board Member of the College Neighborhoods Foundation, Military Officers of America Association and the National Environmental Health Association. Retired Registered Environmental Health Specialist with the County of San Diego, Department of Environmental Health. Motivational instructor for the National Environmental Health Association, presenting to public health professional in more than 10 states. Recognized in the community for her effective public speaking skills. Retired U.S. Naval Reserve, Medical Services Corps officer and SDSU Alumnus.

**Joyce M. Gattas Ph.D.:** Dean of the College of Professional Studies and Fine Arts at SDSU where she manages eleven diverse schools ranging from the arts to journalism, communication to hospitality management and public affairs, with over 8,400 majors and 600 faculty and staff. Joyce is currently or has been Chair of the San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture, Chair of the ConVis Board, Chair of the Film Commission, the Museum of Photographic Arts Board, and the KPBS Advisory Board. She is a Life Member of The San Diego Bowl Game Association and Fleet Week Board to name a few. Her many honors include "50 People to Watch," "10 Cool Women," Who's Who in San Diego, Women Who Mean Business, the "Ginger Award" for Outstanding Contributions to the Arts, a Women of Dedication Honoree and a Mortar Board Honoree. Dr Gattas has a Ph.D. from UC Berkeley.

**Faye Hunter:** Faye Russell is a partner with Latham & Watkins focusing on representation of emerging growth companies, ranging from startup venture-backed to mature public companies. She has advised companies in a variety of industries, ranging from biotechnology, pharmaceutical, specialty pharmaceutical, medical device and other life science industries, to telecommunications, retail, food services, Internet, and computer software and hardware. Ms. Russell has expertise in corporate governance issues and frequently advises boards of directors and management on these issues. She also has assisted companies in developing and executing acquisition and licensing strategies, whether in connection with the initial in-licensing of technology or complex corporate alliance or partnering transactions. In addition, she frequently advises companies on mergers and acquisitions and public and private equity and debt financings, including initial public offerings, universal shelf registration statements, 144A offerings and follow-on public and private offerings.

Since 2010, Ms. Russell has served on the Board of Trustees of The Salk Institute for Biological Studies. Prior to attending law school, Ms. Russell worked in the business world for more than 10 years, serving as sales manager and special sections editor for Copley News Service and served as vice president for Dow Theory Letters, an international financial newsletter and web service.

**Bernie Kulchin:** Retired Corporate Vice President of Human Resources for Cubic Corporation. Bernie has over 50 years of Human Resource experience including Vice President of Human Resources for General Dynamics in San Diego, and serving as a Human Resource consultant to corporations and non-profit organizations. His community involvement includes serving as Board Chair for Non-Profit Management Solutions, a Board member for Habitat for Humanity and the San Diego Youth Symphony and an advisor for the The Tariq Khamisa Foundation and the Jenna Druck Foundation.

**Gail Levin:** A resident of San Diego for more than 35 years, Gail attended college at California Western University, where she received her teaching credentials. She has worked in a variety of industries, including as a Teacher at Poway High, Television Reporter at ABC, Personnel Director for Westgate Hotel, Press Secretary to Congressman Clair Burgener, Owner of the marketing firm Gifted, Account Executive and Manager of Jack Nadel, Inc., Membership Director for the Downtown San Diego Partnership, Marketing Director for Episcopal Community Services and Community Outreach Director for the Monarch School Project. Gail chairs the San Diego/Imperial County Alzheimer's Association Board of Directors, is a VP of the San Diego Women's Foundation and a member of the Mayor's Vision Team. Her community service includes San Diego Meals on Wheels, singing with La Jolla Symphony and Chorus, serving at San Diego Hunger Project, Boards of University City Little League, La Jolla Country Day School and the Jewish Community Center. Gail and her husband Marty, a retired newscaster with NBC 7/39, live in University City.

**Augustus S. Magee (Gus):** Retired following a 32-year public service career with the City of San Diego, including the Building Program Coordinator for the Library Department for more than seven years and Assistant Deputy Director in the Environmental Services Department. Worked in various staff and administrative positions with City youth programs and as a Budget Analyst in the Financial Management Program. Community involvement includes Board of Directors membership with Computers2SanDiegoKids. Volunteers as a Technology Program Consultant at the

Jackie Robinson YMCA. Received an M.A in Behavioral Sciences and a B.A. in Sociology from the University of San Diego and was the first inductee into the USD Basketball Hall of Fame.

**Kari McCulloch:** Senior Commercial Counsel, Sempra Energy. Member of the California Bar Association and Association of Corporate Counsel of America; Volunteer for Mercy Outreach Surgical Team, an organization that provides free medical treatment throughout Mexico.

**Sara Wilensky Napoli:** President and Chief Executive Officer of the San Diego Police Foundation. Chair of the Library Foundation's Marketing and Communications Committee and board member of the San Diego Ad Club, UC San Diego-Athena and the International Association of Chiefs of Police. Sara is the former president of the San Diego office of advertising and public relations firm Astone. Former senior vice president of marketing and communications for the San Diego Foundation. Created the award-winning "Endow San Diego" Campaign at the San Diego Foundation. First associate publisher of *California CEO Magazine* and ranking executive in California for CEO Media Inc. Board member Emeritus of UC San Diego-Athena, San Diego Ad Club and Sales & Marketing Executives International.

**Nancy A. Spector:** Attorney: Certified Specialist, Estate Planning, Trust & Probate Law; board member of the San Diego Foundation; former board member of The Old Globe and the Alzheimer's Association; former Chair of the Professional Advisor Council of the San Diego Foundation, President of the Estate Planning Council, and co-chair of the Probate and Estate Planning Section of the San Diego County Bar Association.

Nancy was recognized in 2012, with a Women Who Mean Business Award by the San Diego Business Journal and is an active member of the San Diego Women's Foundation and Women's Give San Diego. She is a frequent lecturer on estate planning at various continuing education programs for attorneys and non-profits. Nancy has also participated in 3 Day Walks for women's health issues for more than 10 years.

**Amy Valeiras:** Community volunteer and long-time Library supporter. Active at the Bishop's School since 2003, including past service as President of Parents' Association and as a member of the Board of Trustees. As Philadelphia area resident earlier this decade, served as President of the Gladwyne Library League, a member of the Gladwyne Town Council and on the Home and School Association of Gladwyne Elementary School for six years.