



# PALOS VERDES PENINSULA LAND CONSERVANCY

## BOARD MEMBER PROFILES 2011

### OFFICERS

#### **Kenneth W. Swenson President**

Occupation: Attorney, Bank of America

Community Activities: Los Angeles Lawyer magazine editorial Board; past member Los Angeles County Bar Association, Environmental Law Subsection Executive Committee; Universal Studios, Inc., past board member of single-purpose real estate operating companies; volunteer coach, Palos Verdes Basketball Association

#### **Bruce Biesman-Simons Executive Vice President**

Occupation: Architect, Biesman-Simons Architecture

Community Activities: Past President of Palisades Residents Association of San Pedro; White Point Nature Preserve Steering Committee; Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council, Board Member

#### **Susan McKenna Secretary**

Occupation: Business Owner/Consultant

Community Activities: Board Member ACE (Arts, Culture, Entertainment Committee), San Pedro in association with San Pedro Chamber of Commerce and City of LA, CRA); Past Board Member, Palisades Residents Committee; Chair "Fall for White Point" Fundraising Committee; Pioneer Woman, Council District 15, 2010 (Hahn); City of LA "True Angel" October 2010 (Villaraigosa); Co-Founder San Pedro Cevapcici Festival

#### **Marc Crawford Treasurer**

Occupation: Retired computer marketing executive: Oracle, CSC, & IBM

Community Activities: St. Peter's by the Sea Presbyterian Church: frequent volunteer; Cub Scouts Cubmaster; Pop Warner Football board member and coach

### DIRECTORS

#### **Bill Ailor President Emeritus**

Occupation: Director of the Center for Orbital and Reentry Debris Studies, The Aerospace Corp.

Community Activities: Founder of Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy; Represents Palos Verdes Estates on Los Angeles County West Vector Control District; Former member of the Board of Directors, Peninsula Symphony Assoc.; Clarinetist, Peninsula Symphonic Winds; past President of San Pedro Angel's Gate Park Advisory Board; past member of Rolling Hills Estates Planning Commission.

Awards & Distinctions: PVPLC President, 1988 to 2006; PVPLC Webmaster, 1996 to 2004; PVPLC newsletter editor, 1988 to 2004; Palos Verdes Peninsula Chamber of Commerce and Palos Verdes Rotary Club Citizen of the Year, 2001; Community Recognition Award, Lion's Club of Palos Verdes Peninsula, 2000; Community Assoc. of the Peninsula's Community Appreciation Award, 1997; Aerospace Corporation Volunteer of the Year



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Award, 1994; Palos Verdes Peninsula Audubon Society Conservation Award, 1990.

### **Allen Franz**

Occupation: Professor of Anthropology, Marymount College  
 Community Activities: Palos Verdes South Bay Audubon Society, Vice President; Board of Trustees of the Peninsula Heritage School; White Point Steering Committee Member; Nature Walk Leader with PVPLC

### **Cassie Jones**

Occupation: Veterinarian  
 Community Activities: Past President of the Southern California Veterinary Medical Association. Served on veterinary boards at the regional and state level for many years; Veterinary Medical Board Hospital Inspector, California Veterinary Medical Association Board of Governors, California Veterinary Medical Foundation Board Member. Member of City of Rancho Palos Verdes Public Use Master Plan (PUMP) Committee

### **Henry Jurgens**

Occupation: Retired Banker  
 Community Activities: Educational Docent at Cabrillo Marine Aquarium; Palos Verdes South Bay Audubon Society; Palos Verdes Peninsula Navy League (past Executive Vice President); South Coast Botanic Garden; Whale Watch Naturalist, American Cetacean Society  
 Awards & Distinctions: William O. Florstedt Award for Instructor Excellence

### **Elizabeth Kennedy**

Occupation: Vice President of Corporate Responsibility, Collegiate Licensing Company - An IMG Company  
 Community Activities: Nature Walk Leader, PVPLC; Publicity Volunteer, Palos Verdes South Bay Audubon Society; Conditioning Hike Leader, Palos Verdes South Bay Sierra Club; Board Member and member of Finance and Communication Committees, Fair Labor Association

### **Mike Kilroy**

Occupation: Investor (multi-family housing, office, retail)  
 Community Activities: Board Member & Vice President, PVPLC, 1989 to the present; RPV- & PVPLC-designated lead negotiator for the pending Filiorum & Plumtree acquisitions, 2006 to the present; RPV- & PVPLC-designated lead negotiator for the Portuguese Bend, Agua Amarga & Vista del Norte acquisitions, 2005; PVPLC-designated lead negotiator for the Forrestal acquisition, 1996; RHE- and PVPLC-designated lead negotiator for the Chandler acquisition, 1994; Founding Chairman, PVPLC Land Acquisition Committee, 1989 to 2006; Originator of the PVPLC Nature Walks, 1989; PVPLC Nature Walk Leader, 1990-1996.

Awards & Distinctions: RPV & PVPLC awards for leadership of the Forrestal acquisition, 1996; RHE & PVPLC awards for the Chandler acquisition, 1994; PVPLC President's Award, 1993, first year awarded; MA, Oxford University; AB, University of California, Berkeley.



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### **Leslie McShane**

Occupation: College Counselor, Leslie McShane College Counseling Services

Community Activities: Practiced law at Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton; Spring/Fall for White Point Committee member since 2007, PVPLC; Organizer for the successful annual Home Tour fundraising event; Alumni interviewer for Brown University; Carson High School, college counseling volunteer; Rolling Hills Preparatory School, various volunteer activities; Holy Trinity Parish, religious education volunteer;

### **Jess Morton**

Occupation: Tax Preparer

Community Activities: Founding President and current Treasurer of Palos Verdes/South Bay Audubon; Treasurer, Endangered Habitats League; Former PVPLC board member (early 1990's); as of December 2006, Board of Directors of the National Audubon Society

Awards & Distinctions: Accomplished poet

### **Joe Platnick**

Occupation: Business Executive, Private Equity Investor & Board Member

Community Activities: Rolling Hills United Methodist Church; Autism Speaks Foundation; Yosemite Association; Former board member Goodwill Industries of Long Beach and South Bay; Basketball coach San Pedro and Peninsula YMCA

Awards & Distinctions: BS and MS M.I.T.

### **Anke Raue**

Occupation: Community Volunteer

Community Activities: PVPLC board member since 1992, Coordinator, PVPLC Nature Walk Program, PVPLC President's Award for volunteer activities; Past President; South Bay Marine League, Member PV/South Bay Audubon Society, PVPLC President's Award 1994 & 2008, Member of the RPV Trails Committee 1990-1991

### **Jack Smith**

Occupation: Business Executive, Retired; Director of International Marketing for NGB Systems; 32 years with Southern California Gas Co., VP for Environment and Safety, testified before Congress on the Clean Air Act, worked with Sierra Club and other environmental groups on issues

Community Activities: Palos Verdes Peninsula Horsemen's Association, Vice President for Fiscal Affairs, 2004; District Commissioner for Portuguese Bend Pony Club, 1999-2002, Los Caballeros; Chandler Advisory Board

### **John Spielman**

Occupation: Engineer

Community Activities: Active member of the Conservancy since 1991; Past Board member Palos Verdes Little League; Volunteer Coach; Past Assistant Scout Master and Committee Member Boy Scouts of America Troop 276; Secretary and Past President Peninsula Silent Flyers



# **PALOS VERDES PENINSULA LAND CONSERVANCY**

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## **William Swank**

Occupation: Attorney, specialist in environmental and toxic tort litigation  
Community Activities: Los Serenos de Point Vicente; Las Candalistas

## **Grace Wallace**

Occupation: Community Volunteer  
Community Activities: Past Board Member, Peninsula Education Foundation; Past Board Member and Treasurer, Palos Verdes Assembly, PVPHS Music Boosters and various PTA Units.

## **Pam Westhoff**

Occupation: Real Estate Attorney  
Community Activities: Executive Committee Chair, Los Angeles County Bar Association Real Property Section; Board Member, National Association of Industrial and Office Properties (NAIOP); Past President, Building Owners and Managers Association of Greater Los Angeles.

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