



## National Board of Directors

**Officers:**

### **Anne Gittinger, Chair National Board**

Anne has been on the National Board of Canine Companions for Independence since 1994 was Vice President from 1996 to 2009. Anne and her husband Wayne Gittinger, a Seattle attorney, built Gittinger Hall and Gittinger Park at the CCI Northwest Regional Training Center and National Headquarters in Santa Rosa, California. They share their home in Seattle with their golden retriever, Lexie, a four-year old CCI release dog.

Additionally, Anne is an active alumni of the University of Washington as a member of the Tye Board of Advisors as well as serving as President of the Executive Board from 2005 through 2007.



### **John D. Miller, Vice Chair National Board**

John brings a vast knowledge of business development and accounting to the Canine Companions for Independence National Board. He was a founder of Arterial Vascular Engineering, Inc. (AVE) and served as Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Director.

John is an incredibly active community member. He currently serves on the Board of The Painted Turtle Camp, one of the Paul Newman Camps for children with life threatening illnesses, Sustainable Long Island, The Long Island Redevelopment Institute, Winthrop Hospital, The Middle County Library Foundation, The Tilles Center, and is Chairman of the Board for the Hagedorn Little Village School and Hofstra University.



### **Jean Schulz, Executive Secretary National Board**

Jean Schulz is President of the Charles M. Schulz Museum in Santa Rosa, California. Additionally, she served as President of the Canine Companions for Independence National Board for over ten years, and is currently Executive Secretary. Her spirit and leadership have been, and continue to be, essential to CCI.

Jean was awarded a Doctor of Humane Letters from Sonoma State University, and holds a pilots license. She was also the Nevada State mixed doubles tennis champion in 1979.





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### Directors:

#### J. Barrie Graham, National Board Member



Barrie Graham brings valuable financial expertise to Canine Companions for Independence including his previous experience as the President and CEO of Exchange Bank, an independent community bank headquartered in Santa Rosa, California. In addition to his professional experience, Barrie brings experience in community involvement. Currently, he also serves as a Board Member for Empire College, Main Street Downtown Santa Rosa Redevelopment, Community Foundation Sonoma County--Investment Advisory Committee, California Bankers Association and Pacific Coast Banking School.

#### Dr. Pauline Parry, National Board Member

Pauline was first introduced to Canine Companions for Independence by Service Dog Nance and her partner Bob. Following several years as an enthusiastic supporter she served on the Southwest Regional Board from 2003 - 2005, and joined the National Board in 2007.

Pauline has led start up companies and worked for industry leaders in the biotechnology and pharmaceutical industry. She started her career as a scientist and was awarded a PhD for her work in molecular biology. Pauline has a history of active volunteer work, from fundraising to officer-level board service, in non-profit organizations.



#### Dennis W. Sproule, National Board Member



Dennis brings an incomparable understanding of some of the challenges that people with disabilities face on a daily basis. He started to accumulate this understanding as a child who was hard of hearing, and expanded this understanding as a teacher and administrator of various types of special education curriculum. Currently, he holds the position of Due Process Specialist for the Los Angeles Unified School District.

In addition to serving on the Canine Companions for Independence National Board of Directors, Dennis is a proud member of the Norwalk Kiwanis Club.



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### Bob Street, National Board Member



Bob brings to Canine Companions for Independence an impressive track record of business research and development. Presently he is owner and officer of Cheyenne Propagation Company and Pericle Wireless Technology, Inc. Previously he made significant contributions to the oil and gas and health care industries.

An active community member, Bob serves on the Board of El Paso County Search & Rescue, is the trustee of the John Austin Cheley Foundation and member of the American Alpine and Colorado Mountains Clubs.

### Emily Williams, National Board Member

Emily and her husband Dan have been small business owners and active Santa Rosa, California community members since 1978. She has been a valued CCI volunteer since 1989 when she raised her first CCI puppy, Maizie. Since then Emily has raised 13 CCI puppies! Additionally, Emily is a volunteer breeder caretaker and has provided a home for seven CCI breeder moms! To date over 27 CCI litters have been born in Emily's home.



### John Wm. Hopen, National Board Member

In addition to the Canine Companions for Independence National Board, John serves on the Board of Directors for the Ronald MacDonald House of Seattle. Outside of community service, he works with SUHRCO, assisting clients with real estate and investment needs. He spent twenty years teaching aviation and working as a Captain of Corporate Aircraft for several different local companies and was awarded a national special achievement award from the Business Commercial Pilots Association for his piloting safety record and outstanding work in the area of aircraft management.

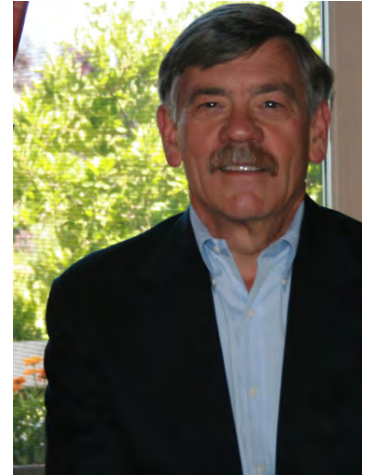


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#### **John McKinney, National Board Member**

John spent his entire career working for not-for-profit organizations as a consultant and in management and has considerable experience in strategic planning, operations and financial management. He currently serves on the Northwest Regional Board for Canine Companions for Independence as well as on the National Finance and Personnel Committees. John previously served on the Board of Marin Community Clinic, just north of San Francisco, including terms as Board Chair and Chair of the Finance Committee.



#### **Chris Kittredge, National Board Member**



Chris Kittredge has been involved with Canine Companions for Independence for over 20 years. She had been a puppy raiser, fundraiser, and a member of the National Development Committee before joining the National Board in 2007. Her passion is being a breeder caretaker and considers it the all time high to help bring puppies into this world. Professionally Chris is a photographer, an industry she has been involved in for 35 years. She and her husband, Bob, live in Healdsburg, CA.

#### **Nancy Sawhney, National Board Member**

“Having a CCI dog at my side brightens my every day and motivates me beyond the front door in search of a full and active life,” says Nancy.

An active volunteer with the Sacramento Public Library, Nancy enjoys educating service groups, schools and business organizations about CCI’s mission and the role of assistance animals in the lives of people with disabilities.





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### **Robert Solon, National Board Member**

Bob was the owner and President of a New York City advertising agency for many years, and since selling his business and moving to the mountains of Colorado has been devoting much of his time and energy to helping CCI develop and execute a national advertising campaign.

In New York City Bob served in a volunteer capacity for many years as Vice Chairman of Marketing and Advertising for the United States Tennis Association. He also gave his time to a number of other charitable organizations including Citymeals-on-Wheels, Big Apple Greeter, Women in Need, and the ASPCA. Today, in addition to CCI, Bob is actively involved with the Buddy Mentor program and the Eagle County Humane Society.

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