



## **The Grant Professionals Certification Institute (GPCI) History of the Board of Directors and Timeline**

Prior to incorporation of GPCI in 2003, the credentialing activities were carried on as a committee of AAGP (American Association of Grant Professionals, now the Grant Professionals Association (GPA)). A variety of leaders in the field of grant writing served on that committee. Many of these individuals stayed with the group as corporate officers during the early years. GPCI owes a debt of gratitude to these pioneers and visionaries. In September 2003, GPCI incorporated and these were the persons responsible for setting our path for years to come.

**June 2003** - Pauline Annarino, Maryn Boess, Gerald Dillehay, Randal Givens, and Michael Wells worked on the incorporating the GPCI. In addition to these originators, the first Board of Directors included Frank Mandley, Paula Moloff, and Diana Nurnberg.

**September 3, 2003** - GPCI's Articles of Incorporation were signed and filed in California and endorsed by the Secretary of State in California on January 6, 2004. Signers of the original Articles were Pauline Annarino, Maryn Boess, Gerald Dillehay, Randal Givens, and Frank Mandley.

**January 31, 2004** – GPCI's first official By-Laws were adopted and signed by Pauline Annarino, Maryn Boess, Gerald Dillehay, Randal Givens and Michael Wells.

**May 2004** - Board minutes indicate the following potential Board of Directors: Pauline Annarino, Maryn Boess, Gerald Dillehay, Randal Givens, Mary Hale Meyer, Phyl Renninger and Michael Wells.

**November 13, 2004** – The election of officers for the board were disclosed. Pauline Annarino was elected Chairperson and is an AAGP Appointee, Michael Wells was elected Vice Chairperson, Maryn Boess was elected Secretary and Gail Vertz was elected Treasurer. Phyllis Renninger/AAGP Appointee and Frank Mandley were also added to the board as members at large.

**September 29, 2005** – AAGP's credentialing committee met. This committee was made up of Pauline Annarino, Marcia Ford, Frank Mandley, Phyl Renninger, Michael Wells, and Susan Linn. Soon this committee would fuse its activities with the GPCI board activities.

**January 2006** - Michael Wells became President when Pauline Annarino became the President of AAGP, and Gail Vertz was Treasurer. The Secretary and Vice President positions were vacant.

**January 4, 2006** - Board minutes indicate the following Board of Directors: Pauline Annarino, Phyl Renninger, Michael Wells, Gail Vertz, Vicki Elkins, Marcia Ford, Monique Elton, and Michael Langton. AAGP's credentialing committee and the GPCI board conducted a joint meeting on this day.

**September 15, 2006** - Michael resigned the Presidency (he took the position of Vice President) and Marcia Ford became the President for the remainder of the vacated term.

**The 2007 GPCI Board of Directors (January 2007)** - Pauline Annarino/Stakeholder Education Committee Chair, Michael Wells/Bylaws and Nominations Committee, Jodi Pearl/AAGP Liaison, Michael Langton/Fundraising Committee Chair (**February 2007**), Marcia Ford/Test Development Chair and President, Lisa Jackson/Test Development Chair (**February 2007**), Susan Kemp, Bernard Turner/Treasurer (**February 2007**), Frank Mandley/Secretary, and Gail Vertz. **In January**, Johna Rodgers (who did not serve on the board) was the volunteer chair of the Test Administration Committee, and Bill Smith (who did not serve on the board) was the volunteer Communications Committee Chair.

**The 2008 GPCI Board of Directors (January 2008)** - Pauline Annarino/CMP Committee Chair and AAGP Appointee, Johna Rodgers/Test Administration Chair, Jodi Pearl/AAGP Appointee, Marcia Ford/President, Lisa Jackson/Test Development Chair, Bernard Turner/Treasurer, Michael Langton, and Gail Vertz. **In October**, Harriet BlyMiller (who did not serve on the board) was recruited as the volunteer head of the Marketing Committee.

**The 2009 GPCI Board of Directors** - Pauline Annarino/Vice President and AAGP Appointee, Johna Rodgers/Secretary, Marcia Ford/Treasurer, Lisa Jackson/President, Jodi Pearl/AAGP Appointee, Amanda Day, Ericka Harney, Arvetta Jideonwo, Gail Vertz/Ex-Officio. AAGP appointed Kama Wolcott as additional board members in **January 2009**. Harriet BlyMiller will continue as the volunteer head of the Marketing Committee.

**The 2010 GPCI Board of Directors** - Pauline Annarino/Vice President and AAGP Appointee, Johna Rodgers/Secretary, Marcia Ford/Treasurer, Lisa Jackson, Jodi Pearl/President and AAGP Appointee, JoEllen Carlson (**December 2010**), Kama Wolcott/ AAGP Appointee, Amanda Day, Ericka Harney/Marketing Committee Chair, Arvetta Jideonwo, Gail Vertz/Ex-Officio. AAGP appointed Gail Widner and Laura Gore as additional board members in **January 2010**.

**The 2011 GPCI Board of Directors** – Lisa Jackson/President & Co-Chair of CMP, Pauline Annarino/Vice President, GPA Appointee and Co-Chair of CMP, Gail Widner/GPA Appointee, JoEllen Carlson, Johna Rodgers/Exam Administration Chair, Laura Gore/Secretary & GPA Appointee, Amanda Day/Treasurer, Ericka Harney/Marketing Committee Chair, Arvetta Jideonwo, Gail Vertz/Ex-Officio, and Walter Chason/Ex-Officio. GPA appointed Bonnie Houk and Nancy Smallwood as additional board members in **August 2011**. JoEllen Carlson resigned November 2011.

**The 2012 GPCI Board of Directors** – Lisa Jackson/President & Co-Chair of CMP, Pauline Annarino/Co-Chair of CMP, Gail Widner/GPA Appointee, Laura

Gore/Secretary & GPA Appointee, Bonnie Houk/GPA Appointee, Nancy Smallwood/GPA Appointee, Amanda Day/Vice President, Ericka Harney/Treasurer & Marketing Committee Chair, Arvetta Jideonwo/Stakeholder's Education Committee Chair, Gail Vertz/Ex-Officio, and Walter Chason/Ex-Officio. GPCI added Leslie Colston and Elizabeth Wilkinson in **March 2012** as additional board members. Johna Rodgers remained as an active member of the Exam Development committee but resigned her position on the board at the end of 2011.

**The 2013 GPCI Board of Directors** – Amanda Day/President & Co-Chair of Exam Administration and Eligibility; Bonnie Houk/Vice President & Co-Chair of Exam Administration and Eligibility, Chair of Board Orientation, By-Laws Review & Nominating; Laura Gore/Secretary; Ericka Harney/Treasurer, GPCI Credentialing Chair, Co-Chair Marketing & Stakeholder Education; Pauline Annarino/CMP Chair; Ann Giordano; Arvetta Jideonwo/Co-Chair Marketing & Stakeholder Education; Sylvia Redic; Nancy Smallwood; Gail Widner/Candidate Review Guide Chair; Elizabeth Wilkinson/Scholarship Chair; and Walter Chason/Ex-Officio. Lisa Jackson remains as an active member of the Exam Administration and Eligibility (resigned at the end of 2012). Johna Rodgers remained as an active member of the Exam Development committee. Ann Giordano resigned April 2013. (Ann Giordano and Sylvia Redic replaced Lisa Jackson and Leslie Colston). Scott Harper was voted as our public board member in December 2013.

**The 2014 GPCI Board of Directors** – **Amanda Day**/President & Co-Chair of Exam Administration and Eligibility; **Bonnie Houk**/Vice President & Co-Chair of Exam Administration and Eligibility, Chair of Board Orientation, By-Laws Review & Nominating; **Laura Gore**/Secretary; **Sylvia Redic**/Treasurer; Ericka Harney/GPCI Credentialing Chair, Co-Chair Marketing & Stakeholder Education (resigned effective 5/2014); **Lisa Jackson** (replaces Ericka Harney, effective 6/2014); **Allison Boyd**/CMP Chair; **Arvetta Jideonwo**/Co-Chair Marketing & Stakeholder Education; **Nancy Smallwood**; **Kent Hornberger**; **Sue Pardee**; **Elena Rush** (replaced Pauline Annarino, Gail Widner, and Elizabeth Wilkinson); **Karen Cassidy** (approved 9/2014); **Scott Harper**/Public Board member and **Walter Chason**/Ex-Officio.

**The 2015 GPCI Board of Directors** – **Amanda Day**/President & Co-Chair of Exam Administration and Eligibility & Chair of GPCI Credentialing; **Bonnie Houk**/Vice President & Co-Chair of Exam Administration and Eligibility & Co-Chair Exam Development; **Laura Gore**/Secretary & Co-Chair of Exam Administration and Eligibility & Co-Chair of Grievance/Disciplinary Committee; **Sylvia Redic**/Treasurer; **Lisa Jackson**/Co-Chair of Grievance/Disciplinary Committee; **Charlisa Garg**; **Allison Boyd**/CMP Chair; **Sue Pardee**/Co-Chair Marketing & Stakeholder Education; **Nancy Smallwood**/Chair of Board Orientation, By-Laws Review & Nominating; **Kent Hornberger**/Co-Chair Marketing & Stakeholder Education; **Elena Rush** (resigned 2/1/2015); **Kimberly Richardson** (replaced Elena Rush 3/4/15) **Karen Cassidy**; **Scott Harper**/Public Board member & Chair of Scholarship Committee (resigned 3/1/15); **George Suttles**/Public Board member (replaced Scott Harper 5/1/15) and **Walter Chason**/Ex-Officio & Co-Chair Exam Development.

**The 2016 GPCI Board of Directors** – **Bonnie Houk**/President & Co-Chair of Exam Administration and Eligibility & Chair of Exam Development; **Allison**

**Boyd**/Vice President/CMP Chair & Co-Chair Electronic Search Committee (ad-hoc); **Charlisa Garg**/Secretary, **Sylvia Redic**/Treasurer/Candidate Review Guide Chair; **Lisa Jackson**/Co-Chair of Grievance/Disciplinary Committee; **Sue Pardee**/Co-Chair Marketing & Stakeholder Education; **Amanda Day**/Past President, Co-Chair of Exam Administration and Eligibility & GPCI Credentialing & Co-Chair Job Analysis (ad-hoc); **Nancy Smallwood**/Chair of Board Orientation, By-Laws Review & Nominating/Chair Scholarship Committee; **Kent Hornberger**/Co-Chair Marketing & Stakeholder Education; **Kimberly Richardson**/Co-Chair Electronic Search Committee (ad-hoc), **Karen Cassidy**; **George Suttles**/Public Board member (Resigned June 2016); **Tammy Tilzey**/Public Board member (replaced George Suttles); **Julie Assel** (GPA Appointee); and **Walter Chason**/Ex-Officio & Co-Chair Exam Development & Co-Chair Job Analysis (ad-hoc). **Laura Gore** (not on board)/Co-Chair of Exam Administration and Eligibility & Co-Chair of Grievance/Disciplinary Committee

**The 2017 GPCI Board of Directors** – **Bonnie Houk**/President/Co-Chair of Exam Administration and Eligibility/Co-Chair of Exam Development; **Allison Boyd**/Vice President/CMP Chair; **Charlisa Garg**/Secretary/Co-Chair of Exam Administration and Eligibility (resigned July 2017), **Sylvia Redic**/Treasurer/Candidate Review Guide Chair; **Lisa Jackson**/Interim Secretary (July-December 2017)/Co-Chair of Grievance/Disciplinary Committee; **Sue Pardee**/Co-Chair Marketing & Stakeholder Education; **Nancy Smallwood**/Chair of Board Orientation, By-Laws Review & Nominating/Chair Scholarship Committee; **Kent Hornberger**/Co-Chair Marketing & Stakeholder Education; **Karen Cassidy**; **Meghann Adams**; **David Lindeman**; **Tammy Tilzey**/Public Board member; **Julie Assel**; and **Walter Chason**/Ex-Officio & Co-Chair Exam Development; **Laura Gore** (not on board)/Co-Chair of Grievance/Disciplinary Committee; **Amanda Day** (not on board)/Chair of GPCI Credentialing Committee

**The 2018 GPCI Board of Directors** – **Allison Boyd**/President; **Sylvia Redic**/Vice President; **David Lindeman**/Secretary; **Nancy Smallwood**/Treasurer, By-Laws Review & Nominating/Chair Scholarship Committee; **Kent Hornberger**/Co-Chair Marketing & Stakeholder Education; **Lisa Jackson**/Co-Chair of Grievance/Disciplinary Committee; **Meghann Adams**/CMP Chair; **Tammy Tilzey**/Public Board member; **Julie Assel**/Co-Chair Marketing & Stakeholder Education; **Sue Pardee**; **Misty Burke**; **Becky Crump**; **Egondy Onuoha**; **Walter Chason**/Ex-Officio/Co-Chair Exam Development; **Laura Gore** (not on board)/Co-Chair of Grievance/Disciplinary Committee; and **Bonnie Houk** (not on board)/Chair of Exam Administration and Eligibility/Co-Chair of Exam Development.

**The 2019 GPCI Board of Directors** – **Julie Assel**/President; **Tammy Tilzey**/Vice President/Public Board Member; **David Lindeman**/Secretary; **Lisa Jackson**/Treasurer, By-Laws Review & Nominating/Chair Scholarship Committee; **Kent Hornberger**/Co-Chair Marketing & Stakeholder Education; **Lisa Jackson**/Chair of Grievance/Disciplinary Committee; **Meghann Adams**/CMP Chair; **Mara Gerst**; **Dana Northcott**; **Egondy M. Onuoha**; **Theresa Reyes-Cummings**; **LaKeesha Morris-Moreau**; **Amanda Ripstra**/Chair Certification; **Nancy Robbins-Lackey**.

**The 2020 GPCI Board of Directors** – **Julie Assel** Board President, Executive Committee Chair, Governance Committee Chair, Accreditation Task Force Chair, CMP Chair (Certification Subcommittee); **David Lindeman** Board Vice President; **Tammy Tilzey** Board Secretary, Public Board Member, Marketing & Stakeholder Education Committee Chair; **Lisa Jackson** Board Treasurer, Grievance & Disciplinary Committee Chair, Exam Development Chair (Certification Subcommittee); Exam Review Chair (Quality Assurance Subcommittee); **Mara Gerst**; **Kim Joyce** Scholarship Chair (Marketing & Stakeholder Education Subcommittee); **LaKeesha Morris-Moreau** Certification Committee Chair, Exam Administration Chair (Certification Subcommittee); **Dana Northcott**; **Egondu M. Onuoha** Quality Assurance Committee Chair; **Theresa Reyes-Cummings**; **Nancy Robbins-Lackey** Eligibility Guide Chair (Certification Subcommittee); **Kimberly Rogers** Fundraising (Marketing & Stakeholder Education Work Group); **Jillain Veil-Ehnert** Education Task Force Chair;

### **The 2021 GPCI Board of Directors**

- **David Lindeman** Board President, Executive Committee Chair, Governance Committee Chair, Exam Development Co-Chair (Certification Subcommittee), Accreditation Task Force Chair
- **Egondu M. Onuoha** Board Vice President, Quality Assurance Committee Chair, Exam Review Chair (Quality Assurance Subcommittee)
- **Mara Gerst** Board Secretary
- **Theresa Reyes-Cummings** Board Treasurer
- **Julie Assel** Board Past President, Grievance & Disciplinary Committee Chair, Electronic Storage and Processing Task Force
- **David Broussard**
- **Kathy Brunot** CMP Co-Chair (Certification Subcommittee)
- **Kathy Hatfield**
- **Kim Joyce** Scholarship Chair (Marketing & Stakeholder Education Subcommittee), Volunteer Coordinator
- **LaKeesha Morris-Moreau** Certification Committee Chair, Exam Administration Chair (Certification Subcommittee)
- **Dana Northcott** Exam Development Co-Chair (Certification Subcommittee)
- **Nancy Robbins-Lackey** Eligibility Guide Chair (Certification Subcommittee)
- **Kimberly Rogers** Fundraising (Marketing & Stakeholder Education Work group), CMP Co-Chair (Certification Subcommittee)
- **Tammy Tilzey** Public Board Member, Marketing & Stakeholder Education Committee Chair
- **Jillain Veil-Ehnert** Education Task Force Chair

### **The 2022 GPCI Board of Directors**

- **David Lindeman** Board President, Executive Committee Chair, Exam Development Co-Chair (Certification Subcommittee), Accreditation Task Force Chair
- **Egondu M. Onuoha** Board Vice President, Governance Committee Chair, Quality Assurance Committee Chair, Exam Review Chair (Quality Assurance Subcommittee)
- **Kim Joyce** Board Secretary, Scholarship Chair (Marketing & Stakeholder Education Subcommittee), Volunteer Coordinator
- **Theresa Reyes-Cummings** Board Treasurer

- **David Broussard**, Electronic Storage and Processing Task Force Chair
- **Kathy Brunot** Exam Development Co-Chair (Certification Subcommittee)
- **Kathy Hatfield** (Marketing & Stakeholder Education Subcommittee)
- **LaKeesha Morris-Moreau** Certification Committee Chair, Exam Administration Chair (Certification Subcommittee)
- **Tiffany Nobles** (Marketing & Stakeholder Education Subcommittee)
- **Nancy Robbins-Lackey** Eligibility Guide Chair (Certification Subcommittee)
- **Kimberly Rogers** Certificate Maintenance Program Chair (Certification Subcommittee)
- **Isabel Rosa** (Exam Development Subcommittee, Marketing & Stakeholder Education Subcommittee)
- **Maureen Stabile** Fundraising (Marketing & Stakeholder Education Work group)
- **Tammy Tilzey** Public Board Member, Marketing & Stakeholder Education Committee Chair
- **Jillain Veil-Ehnert** Education Task Force Chair, Grievance & Disciplinary Committee Chair

### **The 2023 GPCI Board of Directors**

- **Egondu M. Onuoha** Board President, Executive Committee Chair, Governance Committee Chair, Quality Assurance Committee Chair, Exam Review Chair, Accreditation Task Force Chair, Exam Development Chair (Quality Assurance Subcommittee)
- **Jillain Veil-Ehnert** Board Vice President, Education Task Force Chair, Grievance & Disciplinary Committee Chair
- **Kim Joyce** Board Secretary, Scholarship Chair (Marketing & Stakeholder Education Subcommittee)
- **Theresa Reyes-Cummings** Board Treasurer
- **David Broussard** Electronic Storage and Processing Task Force Chair, Fundraising (Marketing & Stakeholder Education Work group)
- **Kathy Brunot** (Exam Development Subcommittee)
- **Kathy Hatfield** (Marketing & Stakeholder Education Subcommittee)
- **LaKeesha Morris-Moreau** Certification Committee Chair, Exam Administration Chair (Certification Subcommittee, Accreditation Task Force)
- **Tiffany Nobles** Marketing & Stakeholder Education Committee Chair
- **Nancy Robbins-Lackey** Eligibility Guide Chair (Certification Subcommittee)
- **Kimberly Rogers** Certificate Maintenance Program Chair (Certification Subcommittee)
- **Isabel Rosa** (Exam Development Subcommittee)
- **Katy Shoemaker** (Marketing & Stakeholder Education Subcommittee)
- **Maureen Stabile** Fundraising Chair, Volunteer Coordinator
- **Tammy Tilzey** Public Board Member
- **David Falchek** Public Board Member

### **The 2024 GPCI Board of Directors**

- **Egondu M. Onuoha** Board President, Executive Committee Chair, Governance Committee Chair, Quality Assurance Committee Chair, Exam Review Chair, Accreditation Task Force Chair, Exam Development Chair

- **Jillain Veil-Ehnert** Board Vice President, Education Chair (Governance Committee)
- **Kim Joyce** Board Secretary (resigned June 2024), Scholarship Chair (Governance Committee, Marketing & Stakeholder Education Subcommittee)
- **LaKeesha Morris-Moreau** Interim Board Secretary (July-December, 2024) Certification Committee Chair, Exam Administration Chair (Certification Subcommittee, Accreditation Task Force)
- **Theresa Reyes-Cummings** Board Treasurer
- **David Broussard** (Marketing & Stakeholder Education Subcommittee)
- **Megan Covey** (Marketing & Stakeholder Education Subcommittee)
- **Kathy Hatfield** (Marketing & Stakeholder Education Subcommittee)
- **Tiffany Nobles** Marketing & Stakeholder Education Committee Chair
- **Nancy Robbins-Lackey** Eligibility Guide Chair (Certification Subcommittee)
- **Kimberly Rogers** Certificate Maintenance Program Chair (Certification Subcommittee)
- **Isabel Rosa**, Grievance & Disciplinary Committee Chair (Exam Development)
- **Katy Shoemaker** (Eligibility Guide committee)
- **Maureen Stabile** (resigned February 2024)
- **Tammy Tilzey** Public Board Member, Volunteer Coordinator Fundraising (Governance Committee, Accreditation Task Force, Marketing & Stakeholder Education Subcommittee)

### **The 2025 GPCI Board of Directors**

- **Jillain Veil-Ehnert** Board President, Executive Committee Chair, Education Chair, Scholarship Chair, (Governance Committee)
- **LaKeesha Morris-Moreau** Board Vice President, Certification Committee Chair, Exam Administration Chair (Certification Subcommittee, Accreditation Task Force)
- **Kathy Hatfield** Board Secretary (Governance Committee, Marketing & Stakeholder Education Subcommittee)
- **Megan Covey** Board Treasurer, Marketing & Stakeholder Education Committee Chair, Fundraising
- **Egond M. Onuoha** Board Past President, Governance Committee Chair, Quality Assurance Committee Chair, Exam Review Chair, Accreditation Task Force Chair, Exam Development Chair
- **Valerie Grant** (Marketing & Stakeholder Education Subcommittee)
- **Steve Harrington** (Exam Development Committee)
- **Amanda Neese** (Marketing & Stakeholder Education Subcommittee)
- **Kimberly Rogers** Certificate Maintenance Program Chair (Certification Subcommittee)
- **Isabel Rosa** Grievance & Disciplinary Committee Chair
- **Katy Shoemaker** Eligibility Guide Chair (Certification Subcommittee)
- **Laurie Marshall** Public Board Member (Governance Committee, Grievance & Disciplinary Committee, Accreditation Task Force)

## **The 2026 GPCI Board of Directors**

- **LaKeesha Morris-Moreau** Board President, Executive Committee Chair, Certification Committee Chair, Exam Administration Chair, Accreditation Task Force Chair, Exam Review Chair
- **Kathy Hatfield** Board Vice President, (Governance Committee, Marketing & Stakeholder Education Subcommittee)
- **Megan Covey** Board Treasurer, Marketing & Stakeholder Education Committee Chair, Fundraising
- **Valerie Grant** Board Secretary, (Governance Committee, Marketing & Stakeholder Education Subcommittee)
- **Jillain Veil-Ehnert** Board Past President, Certificate Maintenance Program Chair, Governance Committee Chair, Scholarship Chair, (Certification Subcommittee)
- **Steve Harrington** Exam Development Chair, Quality Assurance Chair, (Certification Subcommittee)
- **Amanda Neese** Education Chair, Endorsing Employer Program Chair, (Marketing & Stakeholder Education Subcommittee)
- **Isabel Rosa** Grievance & Disciplinary Committee Chair
- **Katy Shoemaker** Eligibility Guide Chair (Certification Subcommittee)
- **Laurie Marshall** Public Board Member (Governance Committee, Grievance & Disciplinary Committee, Accreditation Task Force)