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2011 Board of Trustees

Executive Members

Anne Lynch (President and CEO). *Senior Title Examiner, North River Abstract, Inc.* Anne has three decades of experience in title, tax, and bankruptcy court searches, and has completed thousands of property closings and survey inspections. She was President of Lynch Abstract Company from 1991 to 2003. A trustee herself since 1998, Lynch has held several positions of increasing responsibility within the Society, culminating in her election as President in 2007, an office she has held since that time. She is a graduate of New York University's Title Industry Program.

Steve Gold (Vice President). *Mayor, City of Beacon.* In 1996, along with Andrew Chiusano, Steve founded and was the first president of the Mt. Beacon Incline Railway Restoration Society. Prior to his election as mayor, he served as a Beacon city councilman for ten years in both city-wide and ward positions. Steve is the Election Supervisor of the Dutchess County Board of Elections. In the corporate world, he has held CEO and Director positions that honed his skills in staffing, policy creation, benefits management and management training. Steve is a graduate of Excelsior College.

Sandy Piccone (Vice President). *Wappingers Central School District.* Sandy has over 20 years of clerical and library sciences experience. She possesses expertise in purchasing, scheduling, accounting, budget review, inventory control and record-keeping. In her previous Society role as recording secretary, she successfully managed membership and volunteer databases, budgeting, and public outreach events, to include interpretive hikes of the railway and Mt. Beacon. She has also organized youth, adult and handicapped outreach programs. Sandy was a member of the Hudson Fulton 2009 Celebration Committee and instrumental to its success.

James L. Sedore Jr., CPA (Treasurer). *Partner, Sedore and Co.* Jim is a career Certified Public Accountant. His firm, Sedore & Company, CPAs, serves the counties of Dutchess, Putnam, and Orange. Jim has served as an officer or member of numerous business, not-for-profit, and political organizations and has been equally active in many civic organizations. He is on the boards of both the Metropolitan Transit Authority and Vassar Brothers Medical Center. He also serves as chairman of the audit & compliance committee of Health Quest Systems, Inc., a healthcare provider in the Hudson Valley. Jim is a graduate of Siena College.

John Atherton (Recording Secretary). Career Court Officer. John is the recently retired Chief Clerk of the Dutchess County Surrogate's Court, 9th Judicial District, located in Poughkeepsie. He has long been involved in historic railway preservation and is confident the Mount Beacon Incline Railway will once again become a premier Hudson Valley tourist attraction. John is a member of several local and national railway preservation organizations and societies and is the board's most knowledgeable member on this critical market segment. He possesses a strong track record of service, giving and philanthropy. John is a graduate of Lafayette College.

Mary Gold, Esq. (Legal Counsel). Attorney. Mary is a licensed in New York State, admitted to practice in New York and New Jersey in 1985. Mary has 15 years experience in civil litigation, immigration personal injury, insurance issues, environmental law of New York State, wills and probate. She worked previously for a NYC Civil Court Judge, and her work has been published. She has been a music director, church organist and cantor for more than twelve years including eight years at St. Joachim's and St. John's Church in Beacon. Mary has a JD degree from Rutgers Law School.

Trustee Members

Terry Brown. Chief Technology Officer, Mega Playground. Terry is a skilled technologist with three decades of experience in the motion picture industry. His pioneering efforts were recognized in 2001 with a Scientific and Technological Emmy™ for his contributions to the creation of 24P High Definition technology. A former Senior VP for World Wide Technology with Technicolor, he joined Mega Playground as CTO in 2007. His grasp of emerging technologies has enabled the Incline Society to blend its plans for historic restoration with the vision of a forward-looking, technologically advanced and environmentally friendly attraction.

Neil Caplan. Executive Director & Founder, Bannerman Castle Trust, Inc. Neil created the Bannerman Castle Trust to preserve and protect Bannerman Castle on Pollepel Island. He is currently the premier broker of Castle Keep Realty in Beacon, New York, with over 25 years of real estate experience. Neil is also a member of the Dutchess Regional Chamber of Commerce, Beacon Arts Community Association and the Beacon Chamber of Commerce. He has an Associate of Arts degree from Catsville Community College and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Theater from the University of Maryland.

Clara Lou Gould. Former Mayor, City of Beacon. Clara Lou was Beacon's first woman mayor. During her 18-year tenure, the city won the Hudson Valley Quality Community Award and was also designated a Preserve America Community. Her leadership is universally recognized as having been instrumental to Beacon's renaissance. Clara Lou's current memberships include the Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council, the National Heritage Area Management Council, the Boscobel Board of Directors, the Eleanor Roosevelt Center at Val-Kill Board, and the Dutchess County Community Development Advisory Board.

John MacEnroe. President, Dutchess County Economic Development Corporation. John is responsible for all business attraction, expansion, retention, and tourism activities of the DCEDC. He is the former Director of State Governmental Relations for Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) in Troy, New York. Prior to RPI, John directed the regulatory and government

affairs Connecticut operation for NYNEX and Bell Atlantic. He is on the board of directors of Elant, Inc., the Therapeutic Equestrian Center, and Bona Old Boys RFC. John received his education at St. Bonaventure University.

Joan Pagones. Supervisor, Town of Fishkill. Joan has been Fishkill Town Supervisor since 1991. Her civic and volunteer positions have included chairing the Dutchess Community College Board of Trustees. In addition, she is a past president and current advisory board member to the Dutchess County Unit of the American Cancer Society, and is also the immediate past President of the Dutchess County Supervisors and Mayors Association. Joan is a trustee of both Vassar Brothers Hospital and Locust Grove (Samuel FB Morse Historic site). She is a graduate of both Dutchess Community College and the Pace University Leadership Alliance Program.

Sara Pasti. Director, Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art, Beacon City Council Member. Sara is the Neil C. Trager Director of the Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art, a not-for-profit educational institution located at the State University of New York at New Paltz. She is also a Beacon City Council Member and has over 27 years of financial and administrative leadership experience at major cultural institutions in New York City and the Hudson Valley. Sara possesses deep expertise in strategic planning, fundraising and development. She received a BA from Wesleyan University and an MFA from Rutgers University.

Sheila Ronca. Career Educator. Sheila has several decades of teaching experience in several public schools and has served youth throughout her life through Girl and Boy Scout leadership. She also has retail and real estate business management experience and extensive non-profit board and volunteer experience with groups such as Peekskill Community Advisory Board, Hudson Valley friends of Mental Health, Putnam Highlands Audubon Board, Our Lady of Loretto Parish Council, Manitoga Nature Center, Riverkeeper, and The Howland Cultural Center.

Fred Schaeffer, Esq. Attorney and Immediate Past Chairman, Walkway Over the Hudson. Fred has been a practicing attorney in the Poughkeepsie area for over 30 years. As Chairman of the Walkway Over the Hudson, he led the successful effort to convert the abandoned Poughkeepsie Railroad Bridge into a public park. Fred is a member and past President of the Dutchess County Bar Association. He is also former president of several other volunteer organizations, to include the Mid-Hudson Sierra Club and the Pleasant Valley Chamber of Commerce. Fred is a graduate of Dutchess Community College and Albany Law School.

Catherine Stager. Retired Pharmaceutical Employee and Union Representative. “Kitty” was a professional machine operator for over 20 years at Cooper/Berlex Laboratories, Inc., where she also served as a shop steward and safety committee head. She augmented this leadership experience as a self-employed entrepreneur, culminating in her current business as a bus tour organizer. Kitty is a member of the Third Order, Society of St. Francis, a lector and a choir member at St. Lawrence of Brindisi. Her active church involvement includes regular volunteer work with the disabled and the elderly. Kitty also volunteers with her local Board of Elections.