



2015 ANNUAL MEETING

# SLATE OF NOMINEES

## BOARD OFFICERS

*For a second term ending in 2017*

Dolly Lalvani, CPA, Treasurer  
Betsy Keefer, Secretary

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*For a first term ending in 2017*

Veronica Longenecker, Chair  
Benetta Rapier, Vice Chair

## AT-LARGE BOARD MEMBERS

*For a second term of three Years*

Tony Hernandez  
Joan Mummert

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Lynn Bachstein, CPA, MBA  
Leslie Collins  
Deborah Kolsovsky  
April Simpson, Esq.  
Yvette Willson, Esq.



## BOARD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

*For a Second Term of Two Years:* Lori Alderman

*For a First Term of Two Years:* Marion C. Alexander  
Karen Best  
Richard Frerichs  
Rogette Harris  
Roberta Soltz

## **BOARD OFFICERS**

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### ***Chandra "Dolly" Lalvani, CPA • Harrisburg***



Dolly Lalvani is a Director in Tax in the Harrisburg office of PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP. With over twenty three years of experience providing tax services to organizations operating in the manufacturing and retail industry, plus she works with private companies and highly net worth individuals.

Dolly holds a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting from Texas A&M International. She is a licensed certified public accountant in Pennsylvania and is a member of Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Dolly's professional affiliations include being a member of the Pennsylvania State Board of Accountancy (2014 to present), being the Executive VP of the Greater Philadelphia Chapter of Ascend (2007-2009), Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania Treasurer and Board member, National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA). Dolly and her husband, Rocky, are active in Holy Name of Jesus Church. She enjoys providing tax solutions, reading, and being a Mom to her 13 year old daughter, Geeta and 11 year old son, Tej.

### ***Betsy Keefer • York***

Betsy's professional involvement and dedication to the Girl Scout organization can be traced back almost 35 years. She was the Executive Director of the Hemlock Girl Scout Council from 1979 to 1988; the National Director of Council Services at Girl Scouts of the USA from 1989 to 1993; the Chief Executive Officer of the Girl Scout Council of Southwestern Connecticut from 1994 to 2001; and the Chief Executive Officer at the Penn Laurel Girl Scout Council from 2001 to 2007. She has also held Interim CEO positions from 2010 to 2011 in Jackson, Mississippi; Madison, Wisconsin; and Boston, Massachusetts.



Other York community volunteer involvement includes President of the Osher Life Long Learning Center at Penn State York, board member of the York Symphony, board member of Leadership York and member of the Hahn Home Fund board at the York Community Foundation. She is also a member of the Standards Committee for the PA Association of Nonprofit Organizations. (PANO).

Other interests include taking classes at the Life Long Learning Center and travel. Travel has included trips to all seven continents.

Betsy's education includes a BA in sociology/social science from Hiram College in Hiram, Ohio and an MEd from Kent State University. Betsy has also taken many courses in nonprofit management from, among other places, Harvard University and Claremont.

Betsy currently serves as co-chair on GSHPA's 100th Anniversary Steering Committee and is a member of the Fund Development Committee.



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### ***Veronica Longenecker • Lititz –Chair***

Veronica has over 20 years of experience in Information Technology at Millersville University. Her current position is the Assistant Vice President of Information Technologies. Her areas of responsibilities include the oversight of support services (help desk support, desktop computer support), infrastructure services (servers, networking, telecom) and technology in the classroom as well as online.

Veronica has a degree in Computer Science from Millersville University and received her Master's degree in Computer Information Systems from University of Phoenix.



Passionate about Girl Scouting, Veronica has held numerous volunteer positions with Girl Scouts over the past 18 years, including troop leader, troop organizer/troop consultant and day camp director. Most recently, she held the position of Service Unit Manager for Rolling Hills (707) Service Unit. In July 2010, she led 41 adults and Girl Scouts on a trip to Savannah, Georgia. Veronica has volunteered for GSHPA task forces to help the Council move forward.

Veronica currently serves on GSHPA's Executive Committee and Board Development Committee.

### ***Benetta "Ben" Rapier • Lititz – Vice Chair***



Ben was a Brownie and Girl Scout in Silver City, New Mexico, from the age of 6 to 14 (there was no troop for older girls). Some of her fondest memories were from their annual summer camp experience – a week in the mountains exploring creeks, hiking, crafts, etc. She is certain she gained her leadership and management skills while with the Scouts as she was a leader in her troop and SOLD MANY BOXES OF COOKIES!

Professionally, Ben is a Managed Care professional with 30+ years of experience in developing physician/hospital provider networks, oversight of the Provider Relations departments from both the provider and insurer perspective, and being at the forefront in reimbursement changes over the years.

Ben is strategic in planning and tactical in organizing and implementing activities, which has been useful in her activities in Girl Scouts in the Heart of PA. Her first exposure to GSHPA was serving on the Board Development Committee and then moving on to the Board of Directors. She serves on the Strategic Planning Committee, and was responsible for oversight of the Membership Goal work group.

"I am honored to be considered for the Vice Chairman of the Board of the GSHPA. I commit to you that I will do what I can to make certain the GSHPA girls and volunteers continue to have a successful, progressive, and integrated organization taking care of their needs as we move forward – TOGETHER."

Ben currently serves on GSHPA's Board Development Committee and Strategic Planning Committee.



## AT-LARGE BOARD MEMBERS

*For a second term ending in 2018*

### **Antonio "Tony" Hernandez, Jr. • Lancaster**



Antonio Hernandez, Jr. has served on the Board of Directors for the Girls Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania for the last three years. During that time, he has helped support GSHPA in reconnecting to community members from Lancaster County and collaborating with members of the Strategic Planning Committee in putting forth a plan that will guide GSHPA for the next three years.

Born and raised in Lancaster, PA, Tony has been an educator in public and private schools for 18 years. He has served as a Kindergarten teacher, a Pre-Kindergarten teacher and a Second Grade teacher. Besides teaching, Antonio is also passionate about community engagement and leadership development. He enjoys facilitating workshops on both topics.

Tony currently serves on GSHPA's Fund Development Committee and Strategic Planning Committee.

### **Joan Mummert • New Oxford**

Joan began her career in nonprofit organizations over thirty years ago as a director with Girls Clubs in Indianapolis. From there she worked with Youth for Understanding International Exchange, Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital (GSCNC), two universities, a private independent school, the Maryland Historical Society and currently serves as the President and CEO of the York County Heritage Trust.



Originally from New England, Joan spent many formative years in Girl Scouts (Mohawk Pathways and Connecticut Valley) to which she attributes numerous leadership skills and abilities. At Nation's Capital she worked as a Field Director for a year before becoming a Training Specialist where she became a GSUSA certified trainer.

She received a B.S. from the University of Indianapolis in Physical Education and Nonprofit Administration (American Humanics) and an M.S. from Johns Hopkins University in Organizational Development.

Joan currently serves as committee chair for GSHPA's Fund Development Committee.



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### ***Lynn Bachstein, CPA, MBA • Trucksville, PA***

Lynne Bachstein has over 20 years of diverse professional development, including strategic planning, cultural lean transformation, acquisitions, financial management, human resources, and technology systems implementation. She is a passionate leader with proven ability to manage projects outside of her area of expertise, within established deadlines and budgetary requirements.

Lynne has been the Director of Service & Repair at Benco Dental Company in Wilkes-Barre since January 2015 and was Benco's Director of Continuous Improvement for over eight years.

### ***Leslie Collins • Scranton***

Leslie Collins is the Executive Director of Scranton Tomorrow. She created the DiscoverE outreach campaign in 1990 which led to an activist volunteer outreach movement. She also created Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day and Global Marathon For, By and About Women in Engineering & Technology.

### ***Deborah "Debbie" Kolsovsky • Eynon, PA***

As Managing Director for Institutional Advisory, Debbie is responsible for the execution of the business strategy of PNC Bank's open architecture investment clients. This includes corporations, government entities, pensions, endowments and foundations. She was named to this role in April 2014. Prior to that Debbie served as the National Sales Director for the Institutional Investments business. She has been with PNC since 1990 and most recently managed the Wealth Management and Institutional Investment Group activities in Northeast PA, ensuring that a full range of services are provided to the high net worth clients, nonprofits and corporations. She has held various positions with PNC including Credit Analyst, Credit Department Manager, Commercial Loan Officer, Corporate Banking Relationship Manager and Managing Director of the Private Client Group.



Debbie is a graduate of Leadership Lackawanna and the Leadership Wilkes-Barre Executive Series. She is a magna cum laude graduate of the University of Scranton, majoring in business administration/management.

She has served as Chairman and Board of Directors member of the NEPA chapter of the Risk Management Association, Advisory Board of Directors and Member of Dress for Success of Lackawanna County. She has also been a member of Metro Action Loan committee.

She is currently a member of LIFE. She has been a fund-raiser/volunteer for the United Way of Lackawanna County, Boy Scouts of America, Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce, TEAM Pennsylvania, NEPA Philharmonic and American Red Cross. She has served as Co-Chair and Board Member of the Great Valley Technology Alliance. Debbie currently is a Board Member as well as Chairman or Co-Chair of various committees for Johnson College. She currently serves on the Advisory Board for CMC Geisinger Hospital. She has also served as the President and Board Member for The Scranton Cultural Center and an Advisory Board Member of Ben Franklin Technology Partners.



**April Simpson, Esq. • State College, PA**



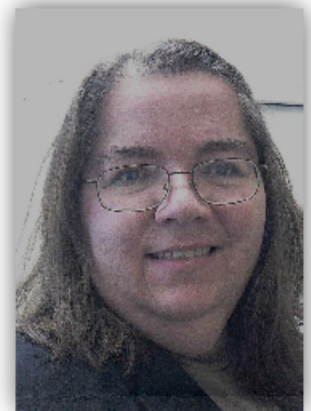
April Chamberlain Simpson received her undergraduate degree from Washington & Jefferson College and her law degree from the University of Pittsburgh. She was admitted to the Pennsylvania Bar and Connecticut Bar in 1990 and served until 1994 as an Assistant District Attorney in the Centre County Office of the District Attorney. Ms. Simpson is a member of the Centre County and Pennsylvania Bar Associations.

April is an adult Member of Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania and her interests include spending time with her husband and three children, as well as gardening and travel.

**Yvette Willson, Esq. • State College, PA**

Yvette Willson currently serves as the Director of the Centre County Women’s Resource Center’s Civil Legal Representation Project. In addition to overseeing the legal project, she represents victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in family law and immigration cases. Previously, she served as an Assistant District Attorney in Centre County for nearly seven years where she handled child abuse cases. Prior to that, she was a City Prosecutor in Kansas for four years and a Legal Aid Attorney in Kansas and Michigan for six years.

Yvette lives in State College and has three children, including two daughters who are currently members in the Cadette and Senior levels of Girl Scouting. Yvette was a Girl Scout herself through the Cadette level and currently volunteers with both of her daughters’ troops.



## **BOARD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

### ***Lori Alderman • Camp Hill***

Lori Alderman is Vice President and Director of Client and Community Relations for PNC Bank in Central Pennsylvania. In this role, Lori is charged with executing PNC's corporate-wide goals and strategies at the local market level, including managing the overall marketing, communications and client and community strategies. In addition, Lori serves as the Market Leader for PNC's Grow Up Great program, a \$350 million multi-year initiative focused on early childhood education. She is also responsible for the PNC Foundation's operations in Central Pennsylvania.

Prior to joining PNC in 2011, Lori was the Chief Operating Officer of Meyer, Unkovic & Scott LLP, a 60-attorney, general practice law firm in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where she was responsible for overall operations of the firm, including strategic and operational development. She has worked in for-profit, as well as non-profit entities and in both the public and private sectors. Lori is a Phi Beta Kappa, summa cum laude graduate of West Virginia University and earned a master's degree from the University of Pittsburgh.

Growing up in Washington, PA, Lori was a Brownie and a Junior. She still uses the skills she learned back then and have passed on more than a few of them to others - just last year she had her vacation Bible school kids make sit-upons just like she learned in Brownies! Blessed with two boys, Lori made the switch to Cub Scouts as a parent volunteer.

Lori resides in Camp Hill with her husband Richard and sons AJ and Andrew.

### ***Marion C. Alexander • Hummelstown***

Marion C. Alexander was involved in Girl Scouts as a troop leader for 12 years. Marion was chair of the first Gold Award Event in 1991. She has served on the boards of a number of other community organizations including the United Way of the Capital Region, Whitaker Center, Allied Arts, Susquehanna Art Museum, Goodwill, Family and children's Services, YWCA, and Dauphin County Library System.

Marion has received a number of recognitions for her work in the community including the Community Supporter of the Arts Award in 2003, Central Pennsylvania Fund Raising Council Outstanding Volunteer Award in 2002, Alexis de Tocqueville Humanitarian Award in 1997, John Baum Humanitarian Award in 1996, and the Community Child Advocate Award in 1995. Marion's other activities include being the Director and Past President (1989-1990, 1992) of the Historical Society of Dauphin County, the Director and Development Chairman of the Metro Arts, the Founder and Past President (1985-1986) of the Museum of Scientific Discovery, Past Director of the YMCA, and the former Director of the Mental Health Association.

Marion received her Bachelor of Science degree from Southern Methodist University in 1963. She lives in Hummelstown with her husband. They have four adult children and a grandson.

Marion served on GSHPA's Board of Directors from 2008 until 2014.



### ***Karen Best • Lemoyne***

Karen has been a Girl Scout, Troop Leader and a Troop Cookie Chairman. She served as a member of the first Board of Directors for Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania from 2007 to 2011. Currently, she is a member of the GSHPA Fund Development, 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Planned Giving Committees.

Karen is very active in the Harrisburg region. A past president of the Junior League of Harrisburg, she is chairman of the Board of Trustees of the United Methodist Home for Children. In addition, she serves on the board of directors of The Civic Club of Harrisburg and is a member of the Education and Fund Development Committees of the Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra.

Now retired, Karen has 28 years of higher education administration experience. She is a graduate of Dickinson College and Penn State-Harrisburg with a master's degree in public administration. A widow, she has two children and five grandchildren including her youngest granddaughter who is a fourth generation Brownie Girl Scout.

### ***Richard "Rich" Frerichs, M.Ed., Ed.D. • Millersville***

Rich, the 2014 Pennsylvania School Boards Association President, is a Millersville University of Pennsylvania Professor Emeritus and has been involved in education for over 40 years. A Master School Board Member, he has served on the Penn Manor School District Board of Directors (Lancaster County) since 1997. He is currently a member of the Council of Trustees of Millersville University. He has also served as president of the Penn Manor School Board, Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit Board, Millersville University Alumni Association, and the local chapter of Phi Delta Kappa, and as a board member of the Pennsylvania Association of Colleges and Teacher Educators, the Lancaster County Campaign Against the Sexual Exploitation of Children and various legislator education advisory task forces. He was the Chair of Millersville University's Athletic Fundraising Committee from 2008 to 2013, and received the Association of Fundraising Professionals "Spirit of Philanthropy Award" in 2008.

### ***Rogette Harris, MPA, MBA • Harrisburg***

Born and raised in Central Pennsylvania, Rogette has over a decade of research and policy experience, and currently works for the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, where she researches important issues and writes legislation. Rogette is a research and policy expert on local, state, and urban issues. Educationally, she has a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of Pittsburgh, dual master's degrees in Public Administration and Business Administration from Strayer University (Washington D.C. campus), and was one of 55 women throughout the U.S. and abroad to be accepted into the Women's Campaign School at Yale University in 2007.

Rogette's passion has always been to help others through public service and to create policies that help people's lives for the better. As the first African-American woman elected State President of the National Women's Political Caucus in Pennsylvania, Rogette has worked tirelessly on gender equality issues such as pay equity, healthcare costs, domestic violence and sexual assault, and flex time/maternity leave rights. Furthermore, Rogette is Political Vice Chair of the Dauphin County Democratic Committee and Chair of the Lower Paxton Township Greenway Committee.





As a freelance writer, Rogette is a community columnist for Central Pennsylvania's regional paper, *The Patriot News/PennLive*, and has had research published entitled: "Long-Term Government Funded Problems: A Study of Their Impact on Poverty in the United States." In addition to being published, the research is showcased in Strayer University's (Washington D.C.) library. Rogette has considerable political experience having organized and worked on bi-partisan and partisan events. She has worked on campaigns on all three levels of government in addition to researching policy issues and drafting legislation based on her research.

Rogette is a former Girl Scout, and her honors include being selected as a "40 Under 40" by the *Central Penn Business Journal* in 2010. In addition, she was selected a "HOT 100 Women" winner in 2006. The women selected for this honor were nationally chosen, and are women working for change on economic, political, and academic matters. Former Governor Edward G. Rendell nominated Rogette to participate in the American Council of Young Political Leaders, International Political Exchange Program.

### **Mary Kate Lambert • Wyoming**

Mary Kate Lambert is a Human Resource Generalist at McCarthy Tire Service Co. in Wilkes-Barre. She is on the board of directors for Big Brothers/Big Sisters and the Wyoming Valley Children's Association. Her fundraising talents have benefited such organizations as the Catholic Youth Center, Osterhout Library, the Association for the Blind, American Heart Association and the Wyoming Valley Children's Association.

### **Dr. Roberta "Robbie" Soltz • Bloomsburg**

In January 2008, Dr. Roberta L. "Robbie" Soltz joined her husband in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania as he became the 18th President of Bloomsburg University. Prior to moving to Pennsylvania, Robbie served for six years as an adjunct faculty member in the Department of Biological Sciences at Central Washington University where she taught Environmental Resource Management, Human Ecology and General Biology. She also directed the University Science Talent Expansion Program that is funded by a five-year, \$1 million National Science Foundation grant she wrote. She held joint appointments in the College of the Sciences and in the Asian Studies Program, speaks Mandarin, and has recently submitted a new proposal to the National Science Foundation to engage undergraduates in social and environmental research in rural China.

A southern California native, Robbie received a bachelor's degree in biology from the University of California, Los Angeles in 1975 and a master's degree in biology from California State University, Los Angeles in 1977. She earned her doctorate in biology from the University of California, Irvine in 1982. She served for three years as an Ecologist for the Los Angeles District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. She then joined the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California where she was appointed Director of Environmental Compliance. During her nearly 20-year career in flood control and water resource management, Robbie had a key role in negotiating critical environmental agreements for a variety of significant and precedent-setting projects including the Seven Oaks and Diamond Valley dams located in San Bernardino and Riverside counties, California. She earned the President's Environmental and Conservation Challenge Award in 1992.

In Washington, Robbie served on a number of governing boards including the Yakima Basin Storage Alliance, Kittitas County Board of Health Advisory Committee, Yakima Provincial Advisory Committee for the Okanogan and Wenatchee national forests and the Western Art Association. She also planned and co-instructed the City of Ellensburg's Leadership program and chaired its Environmental Commission. She remains keenly interested in regional water management, strategic planning and biodiversity.

She and her husband Dave Soltz have three grown children and two grandchildren, and live in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania.

