

Sonoma Valley Fund  
2017 Nominations, Endorsements & Elections

Board Member Re-election

- Barbara Hughes (2<sup>nd</sup>, 3 year term)
- Penney Magrane (2<sup>nd</sup>, 3 year term)
- Joshua Rymer (3<sup>rd</sup>, 1 year term)

Officer Elections (1 year term)

- President – Peg Van Camp
- Secretary – Kimberly Blattner
- Treasurer – Barbara Hughes

New Board Member Endorsements (3 year term - see attached resumes – endorsements forwarded to CFSC Board for approval in December)

- Chip Allen
- Mollie Collins
- Lew Perlson
- Michael Mulcahy
- Bill Sanderson

Board Members With Terms Expiring

- Mandy Bolling
- Maite Iturri
- Valerie Pistole
- Scott Smith

## **Sonoma Valley Fund's Board Candidates for 2017**

### **Chip Allen**

An estate planning attorney here in Sonoma, Chip has been an attorney for more than 40 years and focused on estate planning for the last 16 years. He and his wife Jeanne moved to Sonoma in 2000 and have been actively involved in the community ever since. Chip is a member of, and has served as Chair of the Board, of the Chamber of Commerce. Chip is also a member and past President of the Rotary Club of Sonoma Valley. He's been a member, and Chair, of the Sonoma Valley Citizens Advisory Board and currently serves on the Editorial Advisory Committee for the Index Tribune. When not involved in the community Chip and Jeanne love to travel in support of her Incredible Accessible project, identifying accessible places and things for people with limited mobility to go, see and do.

### **Mollie Collins**

Mollie graduated from the University of California, Berkeley with a Bachelor of Arts degree. Her professional life included 21 years of experience as an educator in both higher education and in secondary independent schools. She then moved into the corporate sector as an executive search professional, ultimately forming her own search firm whose focus was leadership searches for their large non-profit clients, many of which were in human services and education.

Mollie's non-profit volunteer activities have spanned her entire adult life. She has served on 11 boards, and has been an officer on 6 of them. She and her husband moved to Sonoma 9 years ago and have been actively involved in the community since then. She was on the founding board of Impact 100 Sonoma.

### **Michael Mulchay**

Michael has had a wonderfully varied and dynamic career working in a number of industries on several continents. He has been a leader in the fashion, retailing, high tech, consulting and nonprofit fund raising businesses in the Bay Area, London and Australia. He currently works as a consultant to nonprofit organizations on program, strategy, organizational development and fundraising. He served as the Executive Director of the De La Salle Global Education Fund raising and granting millions of dollars to advance education for the poorest children around the world. Michael also has extensive experience in the wine industry as a grower, General Manager and brand builder in Napa and Sonoma. He is also a member of the Sonoma Vintners & Growers Association.

Michael has an undergraduate degree in Political Science from St Mary's College and an MBA from the American Graduate School of International Management. He has served on the Board of Directors for St Mary's College Alumni Association, the Board of Trustees for De La Salle Global Education Fund, served as President Board of Trustees, for If Given a Chance Foundation, and was on the Board of Trustees as Vice President for the Sonoma Valley Soccer Association. Michael and his wife Melissa live in Sonoma.

### **J. Lewis (“Lew”) Perlson**

Lew and his wife, Bev, bought their home in Sonoma in 2010 and became permanent residents in 2014. They moved from Wisconsin to be closer to their sons and their families. (But he still considers himself a “Cheesehead”)

Lew is a Wisconsin attorney (not licensed in California) and is Of Counsel with the law firm of Michael Best & Friedrich LLP in Milwaukee. He has been recognized in the area of trusts and estates since 2006 in The Best Lawyers in America published by Woodward/White, Inc. and distinguished as a “Wisconsin Super Lawyer” in the area of estate planning and probate by Super Lawyer Magazine. He is a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel and has co-authored several publications in his field of practice.

Lew is graduate of the University of Wisconsin – Madison where he received a BBA degree from its Business School and a JD degree (cum laude) from its School of Law.

Lew’s community involvement includes being past President of Milwaukee Jewish Family Services and Congregation Sinai in Fox Point, Wisconsin. He recently served on the Board of Trustees of the Milwaukee Public Library Foundation, Milwaukee Jewish Community Foundation and the Milwaukee Jewish Home Foundation. He is a Board member of the Sonoma Valley Mentoring Alliance and serves as Chairman of its Governance Committee. Lew is a member of the Public Issues Committee of the San Francisco Jewish Family and Children’s Service – Sonoma County Region and Treasurer of the Congregation Shir Shalom Men’s Club.

### **Bill M. Sanderson**

Bill M. Sanderson was born and raised on a farm in Gaines County, Texas. He graduated from Texas Tech University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemical Engineering in 1960.

After his graduation, Bill joined Shell Oil Company and worked for 21 years in various capacities in exploration and production, including a three-year period of time in Venezuela. In 1981, he joined Western Gas Resources as the Vice President. He was later promoted to Senior Vice President and in 1986 was named as the President and Chief Operating Officer. All told, Bill was in the oil and gas industry for 35 years before retiring in 1996.

Bill says that after retiring, he has gone back to farming at his Sonoma, California home where he has planted a small vineyard. He and his wife, Mabeth, have three children, Doak, Sarah, and Scott.