

WACOSA Board of Directors 2018

Jon Archer is a CPA and Partner with Schlenner Wenner and Company where he provides auditing, accounting and consulting services for not-for-profit organizations and government entities including cities, school districts, and townships. Jon is a graduate of St. Cloud State University with a bachelor's degree in accounting. He was raised and still lives in Little Falls where he has a family of three boys, Jonathan, Thomas, and Noah and wife Maria. Jon enjoys cooking, woodworking, hunting, and spending time with his family.

John Bartlett was born in St. Cloud and attended St. Cloud Tech. He received degrees in Business Management and Economics from Bemidji State University. John is currently the co-owner of Automotive Parts Headquarters with his son Corey. He is the company's Executive Chairman. APH distributes auto parts to professional installers and retail customers through its network of 126 parts stores in 5 Midwest states. APH has over 1200 employees. John currently lives North of Sartell on the Mississippi River. He is married to his wife Nancy and has two sons, Corey and Lee. Lee receives services at WACOSA's Waite Park location. His hobbies are traveling, reading, and fishing.

Ronald W. Brandenburg is a shareholder with the St. Cloud law firm of Quinlivan & Hughes, P.A. Ron has in excess of thirty-seven years of experience in the practice of law focusing on representing clients primarily in the areas of labor and employment and business law. In the employment law area, Ron's experiences include handling a variety of routine and complex employment matters, representing large and small for profit and non-profit employers, educational institutions, health care providers and professional service organizations and providing training for employers and their supervisors. In the business law area, Ron's practice has focused on working with small and medium sized for profit and non-profit businesses on a variety of business organization and operation matters. Ron and his wife, Carol, live in Elk River, having moved there in June of 2017. They have 3 children and two grandchildren. For his non-work related activities, Ron enjoys traveling, playing golf, cooking and participating in other outdoor activities, as well as volunteering on various non-profit committees and boards.

Zachary Dorholt, MS, LPCC, is a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor with CentraCare. He has specialized and focused on working with adults living with Serious and Persistent Mental Illness. Zach is a graduate of St. Cloud State University, where he earned a B.A. in Community Development, and a M.S. in Rehabilitation Counseling. He also earned a Graduate Certificate in Marriage & Family Therapy from St. Mary's University of MN. He served in the MN House of Representatives and is also part-owner of the Old Capital Tavern in Sauk Rapids. Zach and his wife Jennifer live in St. Cloud with their three daughters, Eliza, Gracie, and Vivienne. When time permits, Zach can be found playing bass guitar with various musicians in the St. Cloud area.

Jennifer Johnson has been an owner of the corporate adult foster care business, Quality Care Services, Inc. (QCS) since August of 2002. QCS provides residential services to 31 individuals diagnosed with varying developmental disabilities in the St. Cloud area. Jennifer is also a member of the Disability Awareness Task Force, which is comprised of local organizations and entities that are committed to bringing disability awareness and education to the community. She grew up in St. Cloud

and graduated from the University of Minnesota Duluth, with a degree in Early Childhood Special Education in May of 1999. After getting married, she moved to Fort Collins, CO and taught for 2 years before moving back to Minnesota and joining QCS. She currently lives in Sartell with her husband Brian, and two sons, Carter and Ray. Jennifer enjoys spending time with her family and chauffeuring her boys to all their sports and activities.

Jeff Murphy started his career in accounting and finance, receiving a B.S. in Accounting from St. John's University and earned his CPA certification. Upon completion of a Marketing MBA from the Carlson School of Management, Jeff transitioned to a career in sales & marketing. During these next 15 years, Jeff consistently led each of his organizations to unmatched sales and marketing performance in their respective industries. Never wandering far from Finance, Jeff has lead and/or been deeply involved in multiple ownership transactions. As President of Wendell's, Inc., Jeff is leading the transformation of this established organization. He is actively involved in facilitating professional education, providing ongoing discussion and forum leadership to the Anderson Center. Jeff is a native of the Chicago area and has relocated several times before settling in his current home in Mahtomedi, MN. Jeff most enjoys spending time with his kids. When time permits, his second tier passions include motorcycling, bicycling, water skiing and snow skiing.

Karla Myres grew up on a farm near Carlos, Minnesota and graduated from Osakis High School. She earned a Bachelors degree in Personnel Services-Administration and a Masters Degree in Guidance and Counseling with a specialty in Student Development, both from Moorhead State University. Her career in Higher Education specialized in mentoring volunteers and student workers in leadership development through student activities/ organizations and campus center administration. She worked at the University of South Carolina, St. Cloud State University and the College of St. Benedict. Karla and husband Brian live near Clear Lake and have three sons, one of which has Downs Syndrome. Karla is a group leader with Bible Study Fellowship and volunteers in the community and in her church. She enjoys bicycling, Nordic skiing, walking, reading, baking and time at their cabin up north.

LeRoy Northam has been employed at Jefferson Capital Systems in St. Cloud since 1988 and is currently their Chief Information Officer. He graduated from Grand Valley State University in Michigan with Bachelor in Business Administration (BBA) and Master in Business Administration (MBA) degrees. He actively participates as a judge in the Minnesota Collegiate DECA competitions. He also actively mentors students in SCSU's Information Systems program. LeRoy was born in Massachusetts, grew up in Michigan, and has lived in Minnesota since 1987.

Joseph Perske is a product of the St. Cloud area. Joe grew up in Sauk Rapids, graduated from Apollo High School, and completed degrees at St. John's University and St. Cloud State University. He is a retired teacher with experience teaching 26 years in Sartell and has previous teaching experience in Avon, Onamia and Augsburg, Germany. He is married to wife, Jan, also a retired area teacher, and they have 3 adult daughters, Michael, Jenna and Greta. Joe is presently serving as a Stearns County Commissioner and has previously held elected office in Sartell as Mayor and Council Member. He ran as a candidate for U.S. Congress in 2014. He has a long history of competitive, distance running since high school and enjoys bow hunting.

Cherie Scofield is a CPA, earning both her Bachelor and Masters in Accounting degree from St. Cloud State University. She is currently an accounting instructor at SCSU where she has spent most of her career. Additionally, Cherie has served on the staff of two local accounting firms. She and her husband live in St. Cloud, with their son now starting his career in finance in Minneapolis. Cherie's son was born with severe hemophilia. She and her husband helped their son learn to independently deal with the rigors of life in managing this health condition at a young age. Cherie is active as past treasurer and current finance committee member of her church and enjoys traveling, reading, watching movies, and spending time with her husband and son.

Jeanne Theis has been employed at Park Industries in St. Cloud for 26 years, 21 of which is in Accounts Payable. She grew up in Foley, MN and now lives outside of Cold Spring, MN on a Century Farm with her husband, Jeff, and two children Benjamin and Sarah. She enjoys reading, cooking, gardening and travel, when time permits. She volunteers with her church and is active with the EFMN and TS Alliance who have been life savers over the past 11 years for Benjamin and her family, since Benjamin's diagnoses of Tuberous Sclerosis Complex.

Herb Trenz is the retired Human Resources Director for the College of St. Benedict and St. John's University. He is currently an independent consultant in human resources, primarily in the non-profit and education areas. Herb holds an MBA from Minnesota State University, Mankato. He has been involved with local, regional and national boards throughout his career and has held leadership positions at all levels. He is currently serving on the Ministry Team of his church. He resides in Sartell with his wife Linda, a retired kindergarten teacher. He enjoys golf, tennis and other forms of exercise and spending time with his five grandchildren.