

## **ORRG Membership Biographies**

### **Senator Jeff Bingaman, Honorary Co-Chair** *State of New Mexico*

Jeff Bingaman grew up in Silver City in a family with deep New Mexico small town roots. His father was a science professor at Western New Mexico University, and his mother taught in the public schools. He graduated from high school in Silver City. After graduating from Harvard University, he earned a law degree at Stanford. There he met fellow law student Anne Kovacovich. After graduation, they married and returned to New Mexico, where they both practiced law, and their son, John, was born.

Jeff was elected New Mexico Attorney General in 1978. In 1982, he won election to the United States Senate, and in 2006, was re-elected to serve a fifth term.

Sen. Bingaman is Chairman of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee and serves on the Finance Committee, the Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee, and the Joint Economic Committee.

### **Senator Lamar Alexander, Honorary Co-Chair** *State of Tennessee*

Lamar Alexander was born in Maryville, the son of a kindergarten teacher and an elementary school principal. He is a seventh generation Tennessean.

He chairs the Senate Republican Conference and serves on committees overseeing education, clean air, highways, science, appropriations and the Tennessee Valley Authority. He is the only Tennessean ever popularly elected both governor and U.S. Senator.

Sen. Alexander has been U.S. Education Secretary, University of Tennessee president, and professor at Harvard's School of Government. He chaired the National Governors' Association and President Reagan's Commission on Americans Outdoors. In private life, he helped found the nation's largest provider of worksite day care.

In his campaign for governor, Lamar Alexander walked 1,000 miles across Tennessee in his now famous red and black plaid shirt. Once elected, he helped Tennessee become the third largest auto producer and the first state to pay teachers more for teaching well.

He is a classical and country pianist and the author of seven books, including *Six Months Off*, the story of his family's life in Australia after he was governor.

Lamar Alexander and Honey Buhler were married in 1969. They have four children and two grandchildren. He is a Presbyterian elder.

More about Lamar Alexander:

\*He is the first Tennessean elected to consecutive four-year terms as governor.

\*He started Tennessee's Governor's Schools for outstanding students.

\*He is the first Tennessee Republican to serve on the Senate Appropriations Committee.

\*In 2006, the NCAA named him to the list of the "100 Most Influential Student-Athletes" in its 100-year history.

\*Lamar Alexander met Honey Buhler at a staff softball game when he worked for Sen. Howard H. Baker of Tennessee and she worked for Sen. John G. Tower of Texas.

\*While clerking for Judge John Minor Wisdom of the U.S. Court of Appeals in New Orleans he played trombone, tuba and washboard at night at "Your Father's Moustache" on Bourbon Street.

### **Carol Ash**

*Commissioner, New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation*

Carol Ash is the Commissioner of the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation and as the State Historic Preservation Officer. Her nomination prompted Albany Times Union Columnist, Fred LeBrun to cite Ash as "one of the most qualified nominees in history."

Ash's vision for the future of State Parks includes improving park infrastructure and working to ensure that the agency's policies and initiatives can serve as a model in efforts to address global warming.

Other priorities identified by Ash are enhancing educational and interpretive programming throughout the system's parks and historic sites; fostering stronger relationships with community partners and connecting open spaces across the state.

Prior to her nomination as State Parks Commissioner, Ms. Ash served as Executive Director of the Palisades Interstate Park Commission, which manages more than 100,000 acres in New York and New Jersey. She was the first woman to hold the post in the 107 year history of the Park Commission.

Ash's major accomplishments at the Commission include passage of the Highlands Conservation Act in 2004; creation of the Highlands Environmental Research Institute; construction of the U.S. Senator Frank R. Lautenberg Visitor Center in Sterling Forest and construction of the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor.

Before joining the Palisades Interstate Park Commission, Ash served as New York State Director of The Nature Conservancy, a leading conservation organization working to protect ecologically

important lands and waters with a mission to preserve species and natural communities by protecting their environment. While at the Nature Conservancy, Ash became involved in the successful effort to preserve Sterling Forest and helped negotiate the purchase of 15,000 acres of Whitney Park in the Adirondacks.

In 1992, Ash became the first Director of the Office of Environmental Policy, which was created to initiate proactive environmental programs within the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. She was responsible for a budget of \$10 million and managed environmental issues immediately subsequent to the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center.

From 1985 to 1992, Ash served as the New York City Regional Director for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, responsible for carrying out activities related to the Environmental Conservation Law within the region. Major accomplishments during her tenure include designation of Jamaica Bay as a Critical Environmental Area; purchase of over 200 acres of threatened open space and approval of the City's Solid Waste Management Plan.

Throughout her distinguished career, Ash has been the recipient of numerous honors, including the annual *Advocates Award* by the Environmental Advocates of New York. She has also served as board member to many organizations that encourage environmental advocacy, the stewardship of our parks and greenways and the preservation of precious natural resources.

### **John Berry**

*Director, National Zoological Park*

John Berry is the director of the Smithsonian's National Zoological Park. As director of the Zoo, Berry oversees the 163-acre facility in Washington, D.C., and the 3,200-acre Conservation and Research Center in Front Royal, VA.

Established in 1889, the Zoo employs 240 people and its collection of 2,000 animals includes many rare and endangered species. The Zoo's mission is to provide the highest quality animal care, advance scientific excellence in conserving wildlife, teach and inspire people to engage in conservation and practice conservation leadership through sustainability. The 2005 birth of a giant panda cub is an excellent example of one of the Zoo's most successful research and conservation programs.

Berry is responsible for the public facility, which welcomes more than 2.7 million visitors a year, and the research program, which includes groundbreaking work in conservation biology. Also under his purview are the fundraising and education programs coordinated by the Zoo's membership organization, Friends of the National Zoo, and the completion of Elephant Trails, an extensive renovation of the Elephant House that began in 2006.

Berry's top priority for the Zoo is fire safety and preparedness. The Zoo's inadequate fire alarms, smoke detectors, sprinklers and water lines are in need of an extensive overhaul. Under Berry's guidance, a thorough assessment of the Zoo's fire-prevention system was completed, and work

has begun on improvements. To reduce the risk of fire, Berry has established a ban on smoking within the park.

In October 2007, Berry opened the Cheetah Science Facility at the Conservation and Research Center. It is the first new research facility to be built on the property in 22 years. The nine-acre facility is the center of the Zoo's international cheetah research program where scientists study cheetah biology to ensure good health, reproduction and self-sustaining populations in zoos and in the wild.

Berry also has taken steps to draw more visitors to the Zoo during times of the year when attendance has typically been lighter, such as in the winter months. In 2007, he created "ZooLights," the National Zoo's first-ever winter lights celebration. The event featured nearly 50 environmentally friendly light sculptures of Zoo animals and family-friendly activities. "ZooLights" was educational and entertaining; visitors learned about the Zoo's important conservation work and how animals adapt to cold weather.

Berry also is guiding the National Zoo through a comprehensive master-planning process to identify facilities and infrastructure needs at its Washington, D.C., campus and Conservation and Research Center. Many of the facilities have become outdated and no longer meet the needs of the visitors, staff, animal exhibits, and research collections and programs. Berry instituted a bold, new 10-year strategic plan to make the National Zoo the world's finest zoo by 2016, and he reorganized the Zoo's structure to obtain the goal more efficiently.

Before becoming director of the Zoo, Berry was executive director of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, a congressionally chartered non-profit organization dedicated to the conservation of the nation's wildlife resources. He managed a staff of 75 with six regional field offices. During his five-year tenure, Berry overhauled the foundation's financial systems and developed a strategic plan for the organization. In the past 20 years, the foundation has distributed more than \$300 million in grants for the conservation of fish, wildlife and plants. He reported to a 25-member board of directors appointed by the secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Prior to joining the Wildlife Foundation, Berry served as Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget at the U.S. Department of the Interior for three years (1997-2000), a position that required Senate confirmation. During his tenure, the agency's budget increased from \$7 billion to \$10 billion, and he developed the presidential initiative known as the "Lands Legacy."

This is not the first time Berry has worked at the Smithsonian: He was director of government relations and a senior policy advisor from 1995 to 1997, reporting to Smithsonian Secretary I. Michael Heyman and Under Secretary Constance Berry Newman. During that time, Berry helped secure federal funds for the National Museum of the American Indian and the National Air and Space Museum's Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center. He left the Smithsonian to become Assistant Secretary at the Department of the Interior.

From 1985 to 1994, Berry served as legislative director for Rep. Steny Hoyer (D-Md.) and associate staff for the House Appropriations Committee.

Berry, who lives in Washington, D.C., earned a bachelor's degree in government and politics from the University of Maryland, summa cum laude, in 1980, and a master's degree in public administration from Syracuse University in 1981.

### **Phil Bredesen**

*Governor, State of Tennessee*

Phil Bredesen took office as Tennessee's 48th governor in January 2003 and was re-elected in November 2006 in a landslide victory – becoming the first governor in over a century to win all 95 counties in Tennessee.

Bredesen's strong voter mandate stems, in part, from his commitment to accountability and open government. During his first year in office, Bredesen threw open the doors to administrative budget hearings, allowing taxpayers to see for the first time the decisions that are made on how their money is spent – a tradition he maintains today. In his first official act as Governor, Bredesen also established the toughest ethics rules in the history of Tennessee's executive branch.

In both professional and public life, Bredesen has made significant contributions to the state in areas as diverse as health care, conservation and education. As Governor, he has set clear priorities for the state, beginning with Tennessee's number one priority—education—and a commitment to raising standards at all levels and increasing graduation rates. He has increased teacher pay above the Southeastern average and expanded the state's pilot Pre-K initiative into a program for four-year-olds across the state.

In 2007, Bredesen celebrated the completion of a historic 127,000-acre land conservation acquisition on the northern Cumberland Plateau. He also founded the Heritage Conservation Trust Fund to increase the state's land buying power to preserve some of Tennessee's most beautiful and important tracts of land for future generations to enjoy for hunting, fishing, hiking and other outdoor activities.

In March 2007, Bredesen launched Cover Tennessee with programs including CoverTN and CoverKids to provide uninsured Tennesseans with access to health insurance coverage and pharmacy services where no options existed for them before. Already Cover Tennessee stands as a national model, illustrating how a state can structure an affordable, accessible and voluntary health care insurance program to provide health care services to the uninsured.

During his time in office, Tennessee has seen tremendous progress in economic development, including 30 new corporate headquarters, 132,000 new jobs, and more than \$19 billion in new investments.

In his second term, Bredesen will continue to focus on raising high school and college graduation rates, boosting the economies of Tennessee's smaller and mid-sized communities, strengthening public education at every level and promoting access to health care and healthier lifestyles for all citizens.

Before entering public service, Bredesen founded and led HealthAmerica Corp., a Nashville-based health care management company. Under his leadership as mayor of Nashville from 1991 to 1999, the city enjoyed record economic growth, redevelopment of the downtown area, and a lower crime rate.

Bredesen and his wife, First Lady Andrea Conte, are active members of the community, locally and statewide. He is a founding member of Nashville's Table, a nonprofit group that collects discarded food from local restaurants and distributes it to the city's homeless population. He also founded the Land Trust for Tennessee, a nonprofit organization that works statewide to preserve open space and traditional family farms. Conte is founder and president of You Have the Power – Know How to Use It, Inc., a nonprofit organization dedicated to raising awareness about crime and justice issues.

Phil Bredesen was born on November 21, 1943. He grew up in rural Shortsville, N.Y., and earned a bachelor's degree in physics from Harvard University. He and Conte moved to Nashville in 1975. Bredesen is an avid hunter and outdoorsman, a licensed pilot and enjoys painting as a hobby. Bredesen and Conte have one son, Ben.

### **Derrick Crandall**

*President, American Recreation Coalition*

Derrick Crandall is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the American Recreation Coalition, a position he has held since 1981. He is also the Executive Vice President of The Recreation Roundtable and, as Counselor to the National Park Hospitality Association, directs that organization's staff efforts. He also serves as Co-Chair of the Scenic Byways Coalition and the Coalition for Recreational Trails as well as Treasurer of the American League of Anglers and Boaters. He served as a member of the President's Commission on Americans Outdoors from 1985 to 1987. He received the Chevron Conservation Award and was named to the President's Commission on Environmental Quality in 1991. He was the initial Chairman of the Take Pride in America Advisory Board, appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, and served as the Chair of the Take Pride in America Partners Council. He was a Founding Director of the National Forest Foundation, appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture. He has served on several national judging panels, including co-chairing the U.S. Department of the Interior's Take Pride in America award program.

Among the dozens of public-policy programs in which he has played a central role are the National Scenic Byways Program, Recreation Fee Demonstration Program, Recreational Trails Program, Wallop-Breaux Program, and the National Recreation Lakes Study Commission. These efforts have been recognized in many ways, including induction into the RV Hall of Fame and receipt of the Annual Award of the National Association of State Boating Law

Administrators. *USA Today* has described him as “the outdoor guru.” He received the Spirit of Take Pride Award in October 2004 and was recognized with a Centennial Award by the US Forest Service. He served as a member of the National Park System Advisory Board Health and Recreation Committee. Mr. Crandall served on the Board of the American Society of Association Executives for seven years, including two terms as Vice Chairman. He received ASAE's Professional Performance Award in 1980, his Certified Association Executive recognition in 1990 and was named an ASAE Fellow in 1992. He has served in leadership roles on numerous community and philanthropic organizations including the executive committee of WOW-Wonderful Outdoor World. He is an honors graduate of Dartmouth College.

The American Recreation Coalition is a nonprofit, Washington-based federation founded in 1979. The association provides a unified voice for recreation interests to ensure their full and active participation in government policy-making on issues such as public land management, energy, and liability. ARC membership consists of more than 100 organizations, including national and regional associations and corporations that represent a major share of the \$400 billion a year recreation/leisure industry and enthusiast groups representing millions of recreationists.

Among ARC's primary missions is the stimulation of partnerships to provide quality recreation opportunities. Many of these partnerships combine the resources of the private sector with public agencies, including: the preparation and printing of brochures and maps for the National Park Service and Forest Service; leadership in developing sources of supplemental income and other resources for public land and water management agencies; coordinating and conducting meetings and events including monthly Recreation Exchanges, the annual Partners Outdoors conference and Great Outdoors Month and Week; and the establishment of partnerships between federal agencies and companies for such projects as scenic byways and Take Pride in America and the first-ever National Get Outdoors Day in June 2008.

**Henry L. Diamond**  
*Beveridge & Diamond, P.C.*

Henry L. Diamond is a shareholder in the law firm of Beveridge & Diamond, P.C., a national firm concentrating in environmental matters and related litigation. The firm, with some 100 lawyers and offices in Washington, New York, San Francisco, Baltimore, Boston, Austin, and New Jersey is the largest environmental firm in the country.

From 1974-75 he was the Executive Director of the Commission on Critical Choices for Americans. That Commission, chaired by Nelson A. Rockefeller, was composed of 43 prominent Americans, including the leaders of Congress. Its purpose was to identify the critical alternative policy choices available to the American people.

Diamond became New York State's Commissioner of Environmental Conservation in 1970, when a new agency was created combining all state resource management and anti-pollution programs into the nation's first environmental department. As Commissioner, he was instrumental in developing and securing passage by the state legislature and approval by the

voters of the Environmental Quality Bond Act of 1972, which provided \$1.15 billion for water and air pollution control and land acquisition. Diamond was also Chairman of the Board of the Environmental Facilities Corporation.

From 1963-69, Diamond was an associate of Laurance S. Rockefeller in his conservation and environmental activities. He was a member of the Long Island State Park Commission and the Commission on the Future of the Adirondacks. In 1960-62, Diamond edited the reports of the Outdoor Recreation Resources Review Commission, a Congressional-Presidential commission whose recommendations led to the Wilderness Act and the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

During 1962 he served as an assistant to Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy.

President Nixon appointed him a member of the President's Advisory Committee on Environmental Quality, and as Chairman of that group. He was Co-chairman of President Reagan's Transition Task Force on the Environment. He was also a part of the U.S. Delegation to the Stockholm United Nations Environmental Conference in 1972. He serves on the boards of a number of legal, corporate, and environmental organizations. In 1991, he was Chairman of the 75th Anniversary Symposium of the National Park Service.

Diamond was Chair of Americans for Our Heritage and Recreation, the citizen support group for the Land and Water Conservation Fund. He also served as Co-Chair of the Sustainable Use of Land Project and is the co-author (with Pat Noonan) of the report of that project, *Land Use in America*.

Diamond is a graduate of Vanderbilt University, where he was elected the outstanding undergraduate of 1954, and the Georgetown Law Center, where he was a member of the Law Journal staff. He served in the United States Army and won a Freedoms Foundation award. He is married to the former Elizabeth Tatum and has a daughter, Laura. He was born in Chattanooga, Tennessee in 1932.

### **Yvonne S. Ferrell**

*Executive Director, National Association of State Outdoor Recreation Liaison Directors*

From 1988 through my retirement in July 2002 Ms. Ferrell served as the Director of the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation. The organization is responsible for all State Parks. Historic sites designated as State Parks, managing a 15,000 acre National Reserve (City of Rocks in Cassia County, the state's boating safety and access program, the state's recreational vehicle program which includes RVs, trail bikes, boats, snowmobiles, ATVs, etc. The Agency has responsibility for motorized and non-motorized trails consisting of about 18,000 miles of all use trail and about 8,000 miles of non-motorized trail. Most of these trails exist on federal land. The Agency is responsible for developing and maintaining the State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan and assistance to city and county governments through consultation and grants for outdoor recreation facilities. The agency had a total staff (FT & PT of 400 and a budget of \$34 million per year. About \$7 million a year being state money and the balance in, grant funds, federal funds and registration and fees had to be generated by the agency.

Prior to 1988, Ms. Ferrell held positions as Assistant Director for Community Services and Deputy Director of the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission. She also served in the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services and the Department of Corrections. Past affiliations for Ms. Ferrell include the Federal Lands Task Force in Idaho, Andrus Center for Public Policy Board of Governors, and the Board of the National Park Trust.

Ms. Ferrell currently serves as Executive Director of the National Association of State Outdoor Recreation Liaison Directors. She is also affiliated in various leadership capacities with the Henry's Fork Foundation, the Idaho Nature Conservancy, and Sustainable Northwest. She enjoys whitewater rafting and power boating, flower gardening, photography, and her two grandchildren.

### **Gilbert M. Grosvenor**

*Chairman, National Geographic Society*

Gilbert M. Grosvenor is chairman of the National Geographic Society's board of trustees and its Education Foundation. He retired June 1, 1996, as president of the Society, the fifth generation of his family to serve in that position.

Grosvenor was born May 5, 1931, in Washington, D.C. He graduated from Yale University in 1954 and joined the Society staff that year as a picture editor. He was editor of National Geographic magazine from 1970 to 1980, when he became the Society's 14th president. A member of the board of trustees since 1966, he was elected chairman in 1987.

In June 2004 Grosvenor received the Presidential Medal of Freedom. He is a director or trustee of numerous foundations and corporations, including Chevy Chase Bank, The Jason Foundation, Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund International, National Wildflower Research Center and Federal City Council (Washington). He also is a member emeritus of the board of visitors of Duke University's Nicholas School of the Environment; chairman emeritus of the foundation board of the Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf; former vice chairman, President's Commission on Americans Outdoors; and former member of the President's Commission on Environmental Quality.

### **Michael Mantell**

*Founder, Resources Law Group*

Michael Mantell works on strategic conservation philanthropy, habitat planning, and conservation finance. Mr. Mantell founded the Resources Law Group to help design and administer initiatives for philanthropic foundations and individuals, landowners, and government agencies that result in significant conservation achievements. Since the late 1990s, he has designed and participated in programs and projects that achieved extensive conservation outcomes for land and ocean resources and broadened the leadership and constituency for natural resources protection.

Previously, as Undersecretary for Resources for the State of California, he oversaw the \$2.8 billion Resources Agency. Prior to that, he was General Counsel for the World Wildlife Fund and a Deputy City Attorney in Los Angeles. Mr. Mantell served as Campaign Chair of the recently passed Proposition 84, a \$5.4 billion bond measure providing critical investments in California's coastal, water, and land resources. Mr. Mantell is author and co-author of several books and articles, the recipient of several national conservation awards, and serves on the Board of Directors of Resources for the Future and on the Governing Council of The Wilderness Society.

**Patrick F. Noonan**

*Chairman Emeritus, The Conservation Fund*

Patrick F. Noonan is founder and chairman emeritus of The Conservation Fund; a non-profit organization dedicated to conserving America's natural and historic heritage. Working with public and private partners, the Fund has protected some 6 million acres of America's outdoor heritage since its founding in 1985.

A former president of The Nature Conservancy (1973-1980), he is a founder and former chairman of the American Farmland Trust (1980), and currently serves on its President's Council. He is a trustee of the National Geographic Society and Vice Chairman of the National Geographic Education Foundation. In addition to his conservation activities, Mr. Noonan served on the Boards of International Paper and Ashland, Inc. and currently serves on the board of Saul Centers. He is a trustee emeritus of Gettysburg College and currently a member of the Board of the Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy at Duke University.

The Conservation Fund has been the leader in land conservation in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed conserving over 250,000 acres in the past two decades.

Mr. Noonan, who holds an MBA and a Masters in City and Regional Planning, has received numerous awards, including receiving a five-year "genius" fellowship from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation in 1985 for his pioneering work in fostering partnerships between business and the environmental community.

He has served on three Presidential Commissions – the President's Commission on Americans Outdoors (1985-1987), the President's Commission on Environmental Quality (1991-1993) and presently serves as a member of the President's Commission on White House Fellows.

Recently, the National Audubon Society recognized him as 1 of 100 conservation leaders whose lives and work shaped the growth of the American conservation movement in the 20th century.

**William K. Reilly**  
*Co-Chair National Commission on Energy Policy*  
*Former Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*

William K. Reilly is a Senior Advisor to TPG, an international investment partnership and he was a Founding Partner of Aqua International Partners, a private equity fund dedicated to investing in companies engaged in water and renewable energy. Mr. Reilly served as the first Payne Visiting Professor at Stanford University (1993-1994), Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (1989-1993), president of the World Wildlife Fund (1985-1989), president of The Conservation Foundation (1973-1989), and director of the Rockefeller Task Force on Land Use and Urban Growth from (1972-1973). He was head of the U.S. delegation to the United Nations Earth Summit at Rio in 1992.

Mr. Reilly is Chairman Emeritus of the Board of the World Wildlife Fund, Co-Chair of the National Commission on Energy Policy, Chair of the Advisory Board for the Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions at Duke University, Chair of the San Francisco Mayor's Clean Tech Advisory Council and a Director of the Packard Foundation, the American Academy in Rome and the National Geographic Society. He also serves on the Board of Directors of DuPont, ConocoPhillips and Royal Caribbean International. He holds a B.A. degree from Yale, J.D. from Harvard and M.S. in Urban Planning from Columbia University.

**Kent Salazar**  
*President, New Mexico Wildlife Federation*

Kent Salazar serves as a Director on the Board of the National Wildlife Federation and is the President of the New Mexico Wildlife Federation. He is a graduate of the University of NM where he received a BS in Biology and he retired from the City of Albuquerque as a Manager in the environmental health department after 28 years. He is a single parent, avid hunter, rancher, outdoorsman and conservationist.

He was appointed by New Mexico's Governor Gary Johnson to the Western Governors Grand Canyon Visibility Transport Commission to develop regulations to improve visibility in Class 1 wildlife areas. Currently he serves on the National Wildlife Federation's Board as Region 10 Director working with AZ, CO, NM and UT affiliate organizations. He also serves on the NM USDA –NRCS wildlife the technical committee.

Recently, Governor Bill Richardson appointed him to the New Mexico Climate Change Task Force technical working group to work on strategies to reduce green house gas emissions.

## **Mark Sanford**

*Governor, State of South Carolina*

Mark Sanford was elected as South Carolina's 115th governor in 2002 and re-elected in 2006, becoming only the third two-term governor in modern state history.

His administration has been marked by a focus on improving people's lives. By creating more economic opportunity, by watching out for the taxpayer, by working to reform government structure, by opening up South Carolina's political system, and by bettering quality of life in the state, change of long-antiquated systems is beginning and South Carolina is becoming more competitive in the global economy.

Governor Sanford's adopted budget proposals have saved tens of millions of dollars. In 2003, South Carolina was in a \$1 billion financial hole, including a \$155 million unconstitutional deficit. In contrast, the 2007 budget process started in the black for the first time in 16 years. Under Governor Sanford's leadership, South Carolina passed comprehensive tort reform and cut the marginal income tax rate – both firsts in state history. Today there are over 170,000 more people working than there were when Governor Sanford took office – a 15-year record for employment growth.

The DMV was brought into the governor's Cabinet, and reforms there have reduced average wait times from 66 minutes to 15 minutes. The landmark campaign finance reform and Commerce disclosure reform bills signed by Governor Sanford have brought much needed sunlight and accountability to state government, and, for the first time ever, campaign disclosure reports are now available online. The governor has held monthly "Open Door After 4" meetings in his office, where anyone from anywhere in the state can come by for a visit.

The state passed first-of-its-kind charter school legislation to allow parents more choices in where their children attend school. As well, more land has been set aside during his governorship than under any other administration in South Carolina history.

Further restructuring of South Carolina's antiquated system of government continues to be one of Governor Sanford's top priorities in his efforts to bring more accountability and cost-effectiveness to the state.

Prior to being elected governor in 2002, Governor Sanford lived on the South Carolina coast with his wife, Jenny, and their four sons, Marshall, Landon, Bolton and Blake. Governor Sanford served six years in the U.S. Congress prior to his election as governor, and had no prior political experience before being elected to Congress in 1994.

During his time in Washington, Governor Sanford was a tireless advocate for the taxpayer. For his consistent efforts to lower taxes and limit government growth he was ranked #1 in the entire Congress by Citizens Against Government Waste. He was rated similarly by the National Taxpayers' Union, and Taxpayers for Common Sense inducted him into the Taxpayers Hall of Fame. In his own Congressional office, he backed his voting record with personal action – returning over \$200,000 (almost a third of his total office budget) each year to the taxpayers.

Governor Sanford learned the themes of hard work and frugality with his two brothers and sister on their family farm near Beaufort. He graduated from high school in Beaufort before attending Furman University in Greenville, where he received a B.A. in business. He later received an M.B.A. from the University of Virginia's Darden School of Business and went on to work in real estate finance and investment in New York and Charleston, SC.

**Kathy Sullivan**

*Director, Battelle Center for Mathematics and Science Education Policy*

Dr. Kathy Sullivan is the first of only seven American women to walk in space. One of the first six women selected as a NASA astronaut in 1978, she logged over 530 hours in space during her three space flights. Her historic space walk took place during her very first mission aboard *Challenger* in 1984. Subsequently, she was on the *Discovery* crew that deployed the Hubble Space Telescope in 1990 and led the scientific team for a 10-day Spacelab mission aboard *Atlantis* in 1992.

These Shuttle missions were not Sullivan's first exposure to technical challenges and unforgiving environments. As a young oceanographer, she made the first detailed maps of a deep-sea region off eastern Canada, earning the right to name five mountains on the seafloor. She returned to her oceanic roots in 1993, accepting a Presidential appointment as Chief Scientist at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), where she oversaw the agency's \$500 million research and technology portfolio, led the formulation of new U.S. policies for environmental technology exports and weather satellite programs, and represented the United States in a number international scientific forums.

Teaching and learning are two other passions for Dr. Sullivan. She played a pivotal role in creating the Challenger Center for Space Science Education and, from 1996 to 2005, was President & CEO of the Center for Science and Industry (COSI) Columbus, one of the nation's premier centers for hands-on science learning. Today she is Director of The Battelle Center for Math & Science Education Policy in the John Glenn School of Public Affairs at Ohio State University. She also serves on the National Science Board and is an experienced corporate director and national speaker.

Dr. Sullivan is a proud alumnus of The University of California at Santa Cruz, Class of 1973. She received her PhD from Dalhousie (Dal-HOW-zee) University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, in 1978. Her innumerable honors and awards include induction into the Astronaut Hall of Fame (2004) and the Aerospace Legends Hall of Fame (2005), the Smithsonian's National Air & Space Museum Trophy in 1985, the Ten Outstanding Young People of the World and Ten Outstanding Young Americans Awards in 1987.

**Douglas Wheeler**

*Partner, Hogan & Hartson, LLP*

Doug Wheeler's environmental practice focuses on federal regulatory issues, with an emphasis on matters pertaining to land use and growth management; endangered species habitat, wetlands,

and watershed management; water supply and distribution, including infrastructure development; management of agricultural and timberland resources; and historic preservation.

Doug has helped to shape many of the laws and programs that now constitute national environmental policy, including habitat conservation planning pursuant to the Endangered Species Act, conservation and mitigation banking, and transferable development rights.

From 1991-1999, Doug served as California's Secretary for Resources. As a member of the Governor's cabinet, he was responsible for all of the state's natural and cultural resource programs administered through 18 departments, conservancies, boards, and commissions with combined budgets of nearly \$2 billion and a total staff of 13,000. During his tenure, Doug developed nationally recognized strategies to integrate economic and environmental goals and to effectively manage the state's natural resources in the face of rapid growth and development.

Doug has worked exclusively with natural resource and environmental issues since joining the U.S. Department of the Interior in 1969, where he served for seven years as Assistant Legislative Counsel and Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks. He also served as Senior Executive of nonprofit environmental and conservation organizations, including the National Trust for Historic Preservation (Executive Director, 1977-80); the American Farmland Trust (President, 1980-85); the Sierra Club (Executive Director, 1985-87); and the World Wildlife Fund (Vice President, 1987-91).

Doug is a visiting lecturer at the Duke University School of Law and speaks frequently on environmental law and policy issues. He serves on the boards of the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, the American Farmland Trust, and the National Conservation System Foundation.

### **Steven Williams**

*President, Wildlife Management Institute*

Steve Williams is the President of the Wildlife Management Institute (WMI), a 97-year old, non-profit conservation organization dedicated to science-based, professional wildlife management. WMI's mission is to enhance North American wildlife populations, their habitat, and the continent's hunting heritage. As President of WMI, Steve serves on the Board of Directors of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, American Wildlife Conservation Partners, Sporting Conservation Council (a FACA Committee advising the Secretaries of the Department of Agriculture and Interior), Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partners, Sustainable Forestry Initiative, Hunting Heritage Partnership, Big Brothers and Big Sisters -- Pass It On, and Chair of the National Conservation Leadership Institute. He is a professional member of the Boone and Crockett Club and The Wildlife Society. Steve also serves on various national committees, work groups, and task forces focused on sustaining our nation's wildlife conservation and hunting heritage.

Prior to joining WMI, Steve served as Director of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service from 2002-2005, the Kansas Governor's Cabinet Secretary of the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks from 1995-2002, Deputy Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Game Commission (1992-

1995), and Assistant Director for Wildlife and Deer Project Leader of the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (1986-1992). He received his B.S. and Ph.D. from The Pennsylvania State University and a M.S. from the University of North Dakota. Steve enjoys hunting, fishing, and his wife, Beth (not necessarily in that order). He resides in Gardners, PA.

### **Joseph Wynns**

*Director, Department of Parks and Recreation, Indianapolis, Indiana*

Wynns is a Certified Park and Recreation Professional (CPRP) with 30-plus years of urban experience and is currently director of the 12<sup>th</sup> largest city's parks and recreation department (Indy Parks). His progressive, advancement career includes recreation center director, community recreation and sports administrator, deputy director, and director in 2000. Under Wynns' leadership, Indy Parks received its national accreditation in 2003 and re-accreditation in 2008 from the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies. In 2005, 2006, and 2007, Indy Parks was one of four national finalists for the Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management, and in September 2007, Indy Parks hosted the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) Congress bringing over 10,000 delegates to Indianapolis.

Wynns is currently serving his second term on NRPA's Board of Trustees. He is a member and Past President of the Board of Directors of the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration and Chair of the Urban Park and Recreation Alliance, a coalition of urban park and recreation directors from the largest 50 cities throughout the United States. Presently, Wynns serves on The National Forum on Children and Nature through The Conservation Fund; this groundbreaking effort focuses on reconnecting children with nature and the critical issues of children's health and environmental stewardship through grant opportunities.

Wynns is a member of the Indiana Park and Recreation Association. He serves on the School of Health, Physical Education and Recreation Dean's Associates of Indiana University (IU). He is also on the Board of Trustees for IU's Executive Development Program and returns annually as an instructor.

In Indianapolis, Wynns contributes his talents on the Human Services Committee of the United Way of Central Indiana, in addition to providing his expertise on the Coca-Cola Circle City Classic Executive Committee and the Indiana Sports Corporation Youth Committee. In 2006, Wynns received the prestigious Rev. Charles Williams Award presented by the Indiana Sports Corporation and Indiana Black Expo for his outstanding service to youth.

Wynns received his Masters in Recreation Administration from Indiana State University and his Bachelors in Health, Physical Education and Recreation from South Carolina State University, where he was inducted into the South Carolina State University Athletics Hall of Fame. Wynns also has a Certificate in Public Management from the Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs.

## **Additional Speaker Biographies**

### **Erik Kulleseid**

*Deputy Commissioner for Open Space Protection, New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation*

Since joining State Parks a year ago, Erik has overseen the agency's open space acquisitions program and real estate matters, as well as its grants-in-aid programs. He is charged with implementing the agency's goal of creating and enhancing parkland linkages across the state. Prior to joining State Parks, Erik served as the New York State Program Director for The Trust for Public Land, a national nonprofit land conservation organization, where he led efforts to protect a multitude of New York's special landscapes over his 13-year tenure. Erik has an undergraduate degree from Yale College, a law degree from Stanford Law School and a forestry degree from the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies. He practiced law at a Wall Street firm in the early 1990s.

### **Margaret Walls**

*Senior Fellow, Resources for the Future*

Margaret Walls is a Senior Fellow at Resources for the Future, a non-profit research organization in Washington, DC. Dr. Walls has conducted research and policy analysis on a range of environmental, energy, and natural resource issues, focusing in recent years on land use and urban development concerns. Her work has appeared in a number of peer-reviewed journals including, among others, the *Journal of Urban Economics*, *Land Economics*, and *The Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*; she is also the author of 13 book chapters. She is the co-author, with Virginia McConnell, of two recent RFF reports: "Transfer of Development Rights Programs in U.S. Communities: Evaluating Program Design, Implementation, and Outcomes" and "The Value of Open Space: Evidence from Studies of Nonmarket Benefits." Dr. Walls was on the faculty of the School of Economics and Finance of Victoria University in Wellington, New Zealand, from 1996 to 2000. She has a PhD in economics from the University of California – Santa Barbara.