



Board of Directors and Staff

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Retired Vice-President - H.J. Heinz Company. Past Chairman of Maryland Therapeutic Riding.

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Retired CEO of major international consumer and industrial products manufacturers and distributors.

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Retired Public Affairs Specialist with NASA. Former president of Women in Aerospace. Principal of Stellar Presentations, Inc., a marketing, website development and graphics design firm

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Retired CPA and banker.

R. Kevin Brooks

Executive Director of the Maryland Rural Development Corporation. 2002 graduate of Leadership Maryland.

C. Jane Cox

An archaeologist by training, is Cultural Resources Planner for Anne Arundel County Office of Environmental and Cultural Resources.

Eric Fischer

Principal - Trammell Crow

Richard Franyo

Retired Director of Investment Banking - Alex Brown & Co. Owner of Boatyard Bar & Grill. Member Board of Directors - Chesapeake Bay Foundation. Chairman National Sailing Hall of Fame

Henry Libby

A former corporate attorney and owner of venture capital partnership and investment advisory firms, Hank currently serves as President of the Carol M. Jacobson Foundation, which focuses on educational, social and medical outreach programs to benefit disadvantaged persons in the Annapolis community.

Sue Neely

Community advocate and fundraiser; a few of her many accomplishments are past President Junior League of Annapolis, Hammond Harwood House and Four Rivers Garden Club. Co-chaired Annapolis Rotary Foundation Black Tie and Diamonds to benefit Annapolis Maritime Museum.

Eric M. Rubin

Partner -Washington, D.C. law firm of Rubin, Winston, Dierks, Harris & Cooke, LLP.

Charles R. “Sunny” Smith, Jr.

Champion sailboat racing skipper. Past Commodore of Annapolis Yacht Club and the Sailing Club of the Chesapeake.

Debra Smith

Training and management consultant to Fortune 500 companies and owner of Sarles Boatyard & Marina.

Jack Whitelaw

Recently retired President of a major Exxon Mobil subsidiary, now also serving as a member of the board of directors of the United Way of Anne Arundel County.

Museum Staff:**Jeff Holland, Executive Director**

Holds B.A. in Journalism from Pennsylvania State University. Public relations and event management executive. Public Relations Director of Annapolis Boat Shows and Annapolis Sailing School for 17 years. Founder of "Holland Lines" producing maritime and history-related events for the City of Baltimore, City of Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, Historic Annapolis Foundation and other clients. Began working for AMM as a volunteer in 1994, part-time director in 2001, and full-time Executive Director in 2006.

Heather E. Ersts, Curator / Grants Administrator

Holds two Masters Degrees in history. Studied French decorative arts in Paris and English country homes at the Attingham Summer School. Exhibition coordinator - Maryland Historical Society; curator - Historic Annapolis Foundation; curator and exhibition coordinator for Charles Mack Design working on the new George Washington Mount Vernon Estate Museum. Currently supervising the AMM's collections, educational programs, and grant revenue development.

Mary Ostrye, Administrative Manager

Holds a B.S. degree. Special Events Manager and Administrator – Maryland Therapeutic Riding. Part-time AMM staff member since 2005. Currently manages donor, membership and special event databases, accounting, and all other administrative functions.