

National Park System Advisory Board



Citizen advisors chartered by Congress to help the National Park Service care for special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.

The National Park System Advisory Board was first authorized in 1935 under the Historic Sites, Buildings, and Antiquities Act. The Board advises the Director of the National Park Service and the Secretary of the Interior on matters relating to the National Park Service, the National Park System, and programs administered by the National Park Service, including the administration of the Historic Sites, Buildings, and Antiquities Act; the designation of national historic landmarks and national natural landmarks; and the national historic significance of proposed national historic trails. The Board may advise on matters submitted to the Board by the Director, as well as any other issues identified by the Board.

The Board's membership consists of no more than 12 individuals selected from among citizens of the United States having a demonstrated commitment to the mission of the National Park Service, and representing various geographic regions, including each of the administrative regions of the National Park Service. Membership includes (a) at least six individuals who have outstanding expertise in one or more of the fields of history, archeology, anthropology, historical or landscape architecture, biology, ecology, geology, marine science, or social science; (b) at least 4 individuals who have outstanding expertise and prior experience in the management of national or State parks or protected areas, or natural or cultural resources management; and (c) the remaining members are individuals who have outstanding expertise in one or more of the areas previously described, or in another professional or scientific discipline, such as financial management, recreation use management, land use planning or business management, as it relates to the mission of the National Park Service. At least one individual must be a locally elected official from an area adjacent to a park. Members are appointed by the Secretary of the Interior for terms not to exceed 4 years.

PAUL BARDACKE

Santa Fe, New Mexico

Term of appointment: 4/08/2010 – 4/08/2013

Qualifications for selection: ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

Paul Bardacke is a senior partner with Sutin, Thayer & Browne, PC, New Mexico, where he first served from 1970 to 1991, and again from 2005 to present. He was Attorney General for the State of New Mexico from 1983 to 1986. He was a founding partner of Eaves, Bardacke, Baugh, Kierst & Larson, P.A., where he served from 1991 to 2005. He specializes in mediation, complex commercial litigation, natural resources, and environmental law. In addition to his litigation practice, he has mediated over 1,000 cases nationwide. He is a founding board member of Think New Mexico, chaired by the Honorable Stewart L. Udall until his death in March 2010. Bardacke served in 2000 as a member of the Secretary of Energy's Advisory Board Panel on Emerging Technological Alternatives to Incineration. Bardacke holds a BA cum laude from the University of California, Santa Barbara, and JD from the University of California at Berkeley.

PROFESSOR LINDA BILMES

Cambridge, Massachusetts

Term of appointment: 4/08/2010 – 4/08/2014

Qualifications for selection: FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Professor Linda Bilmes was a member of the National Parks Second Century Commission. She is widely considered one of the leading experts in U.S. budgeting and public finance. She has held several senior

positions in government, including Assistant Secretary and Chief Financial Officer of the U.S. Department of Commerce, and U.S. Representative to several high-ranking commissions, including an international audit of the Inter-American Investment Corporation. Bilmes holds a BA, MA, and MBA from Harvard University, and is a full-time faculty member at the Harvard Kennedy School, where she teaches budgeting and public finance. She also conducts Harvard's budgeting workshops for newly-elected mayors and Members of Congress. Bilmes has written extensively on financial and budgetary issues and has appeared on many national broadcasts.

LEONORE BLITZ

New York, New York

Term of appointment: 4-08-2010 – 4-08-2013

Qualifications for selection: FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Leonore Blitz has served as President of Leonore Blitz Consultants Ltd., of New York, since 1988, designing large-scale communications, public affairs, marketing and fund raising campaigns in the U.S., and internationally—emphasizing innovation, collaboration, and the capacity for change to compete in the global marketplace. She has extensive experience working with boards of directors on board leadership, management and public-private partnerships. Blitz has performed political consulting work for Larry Echohawk, Dianne Feinstein, John Garamendi, Bob Kerrey, Barbara Mikulski, Daniel Patrick Moynihan and numerous other prominent officials.

HONORABLE JUDY BURKE

Grand Lake, Colorado

Term of appointment: 4-08-2010 – 4-08-2012

Qualifications for selection: MANAGEMENT OF STATE PARKS AND PROTECTED AREAS / LOCALLY-ELECTED OFFICIAL FROM AN AREA ADJACENT TO A PARK*

(*Mayor of Grand Lake, Colorado, adjacent to Rocky Mountain National Park)

The Honorable Judy Burke has served since 2004 as Mayor of Grand Lake, Colorado, the western gateway to Rocky Mountain National Park. Prior to 2004, Burke served as mayor pro tem for 8 years and as a trustee on the town board since 1988. Before her service on the town's board, she served on the city's Chamber of Commerce board. Throughout her service, Burke has been an active and ardent supporter of Rocky Mountain National Park. She served as the town's liaison with the park prior to becoming mayor, and worked with the park staff to help ensure that snowmobile access through a short section of the park was maintained after snowmobile use on park roads had been prohibited. Most recently, Burke served as a lightning rod to hasten wilderness designation for the park. She is the Broker/Owner of ERA Grand Realty, Inc.

DR. MILTON CHEN

Nicasio, California

Term of appointment: 4-08-2010 – 4-08-2014

Qualifications for selection: SOCIAL SCIENCE

Dr. Milton Chen was a member of the National Parks Second Century Commission. He is Senior Fellow and Executive Director Emeritus of The George Lucas Educational Foundation, a non-profit operating foundation that utilizes its multimedia website (edutopia.org), and documentary films to communicate what works in public education. Edutopia media emphasize the importance of authentic learning experiences for children, such as connecting with nature and environmental and historical issues through the national parks. Prior to joining GLEF, Chen was the founding director of the KQED Center for

Education (PBS) in San Francisco, director of research at Sesame Workshop in New York, and an assistant professor at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. Chen received an AB in social studies from Harvard College and a PhD in communication research from Stanford.

DR. RITA COLWELL

College Park, Maryland

Term of appointment: 4-08-2010 – 4-08-2014

Qualifications for selection: MARINE SCIENCE

Dr. Rita Colwell was a member of the National Parks Second Century Commission. She is Distinguished Professor, University of Maryland, College Park, and Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health; Senior Advisor and Chair Emerita, Canon U.S. Life Sciences; and President, CosmosID, Inc. She was the 11th Director of the National Science Foundation and co-chair of its Committee on Science of the National Science and Technology Council. She also has been President of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and has received numerous awards, including the 2006 National Medal of Science award. Colwell has a BS and MS from Purdue University, and a PhD in oceanography from the University of Washington. As a nationally-respected scientist and educator, Colwell currently is developing an international network to address emerging infectious diseases and water issues.

BELINDA FAUSTINOS

Azusa, California

Term of appointment: 4-08-2010 – 4-08-2014

Qualifications for selection: MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC LANDS AND PROTECTED AREAS

Belinda Faustinos was a member of the National Parks Second Century Commission. In May 2011, she retired as Executive Officer of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, where she had served since June 2002. She has been a leader in the development of the Greater Los Angeles County Integrated Regional Watershed Management; serves as the Executive Officer of three joint power authorities, including the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority; and is a Board member of the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council and the Latino Urban Forum. Faustinos earned a bachelor's degree from Pitzer College in 1973, and has completed other courses offered by EPA and the Harvard Graduate School of Design.

DR. CAROLYN FINNEY

Berkeley, California

Term of appointment: 4-08-2010 – 4-08-2014

Qualifications for selection: DEMOGRAPHICS, NATIONAL PARKS VISITATION AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Dr. Carolyn Finney was a member of the National Parks Second Century Commission. She has served as Assistant Professor in Environmental Science, Policy, and Management at the University of California, Berkeley, since July 2007. She has pursued studies focusing on women and development in Kenya, international development, investigating women's participation in community forestry management in Nepal, and geography. Dr. Finney was a Canon National Parks Science Scholarship recipient. In particular, her research seeks to broaden our understanding of African American and environment infractions by exploring how the attitudes and beliefs of African Americans are influenced by racialized constrictions and representations, informing how African American participate in the use of national forests and parks. Finney is a Newhouse/Mellon postdoctoral fellow in Environmental Studies and Humanities at Wellesley College.

RONALD M. JAMES

Carson City, Nevada

Term of appointment: 4-08-2010 – 4-08-2014

Qualifications for selection: HISTORY

Ronald James has administered the Nevada State Historic Preservation Office since 1983. In 1991, he organized the State Commission for Cultural Affairs and has since managed the distribution of over \$40 million in grants from that agency, supporting the rehabilitation of historic buildings to serve as cultural centers. Those facilities now serve roughly a million visitors annually. He is a historian and folklorist with eight books and dozens of articles in both fields. James holds a BA in history and anthropology, and a masters in history from the University of Nevada, Reno. He has in the past served as a member of the National Park System Advisory Board's National Historic Landmarks Committee.

HONORABLE TONY KNOWLES

Anchorage, Alaska

Term of appointment: 4-08-2010 – 4-08-2014

Qualifications for selection: MANAGEMENT OF STATE PARKS AND PROTECTED AREAS

The Honorable Tony Knowles was a member of the National Parks Second Century Commission. He is a former Governor of Alaska (1994 to 2002), former mayor of Anchorage, and former chairman of The Western Governor's Association. He led efforts for State scientific and ecosystem based management of fish and wildlife resources, while working closely with Federal agencies. He fought for Alaska Native subsistence rights and State recognition of tribal rights. Previously in the restaurant and property development businesses, Knowles is now working with the George Kaiser Family Foundation to initiate the National Energy Policy Institute. He is a graduate of Yale University with a degree in economics.

GRETCHEN LONG

Wilson, Wyoming

Term of appointment: 4-08-2010 – 4-08-2014

Qualifications for selection: NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION

Gretchen Long was a member of the National Parks Second Century Commission. Over the past 25 years, she has been an active member and has chaired the boards of trustees of several leading conservation organizations. She served as a trustee and a 4-year Chair of the National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA) from 1996 to 2010. She was Chair of the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies from 1993 to 2000, as well as trustee and Chair of the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS). She was Vice Chair of the Environmental Defense Fund and the Chair of the Greater Yellowstone Coalition. She also chaired the Murie Center in Grand Teton National Park, and served as a trustee for the World Resources Institute. Her current board assignments include the Land Trust Alliance, Scenic Hudson, and NatureBridge. Long had a previous business career and is a graduate of the Harvard Business School.

DR. MARGARET WHEATLEY

Provo, Utah

Term of appointment: 4-08-2010 – 4-08-2014

Qualifications for selection: SOCIAL SCIENCE

Dr. Margaret Wheatley was a member of the National Parks Second Century Commission. She served in the Peace Corps in Korea in the 1960s, and received her doctorate in Organizational Behavior and Change from Harvard and a masters in Media Ecology from NYU. Wheatley is co-founder and President Emerita

of The Berkana Institute. The Institute is a charitable global foundation that “connects and supports pioneering, life-affirming leaders around the world who strengthen their communities by working with the wisdom and wealth already present in its people, traditions and environment.” Wheatley has written five books on leadership and was a practicing consultant for 30 years to a wide variety of organizations on all continents. She currently writes, teaches, and speaks about how we might organize and accomplish our work in chaotic times.

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