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### **Gregg Andrews**

Gregg has been a member of Gesa since 1980. He obtained a BS in Atmospheric Science from the University of Washington and an MBA from Washington State University. Gregg started his career with PNNL in 1980 retiring in June 2020 as the Deputy Manager for Systems and Outreach in the Project Lifecycle Division. His past position at PNNL included Business Manager in the Finance Department. He has continued his role as Director with the local section of the Association for the Advancement of Cost Engineering. Gregg and his wife reside in Richland where they raised 3 children. Outside of work, Gregg enjoys hiking and skiing. He was a volunteer on the Credit Committee and has served on the Board of Directors since 2008. He is Board Certified through the CUNA certification program and is seeking reelection for a three-year term.

#### **Andrew Austin**

Andrew is a Gesa Credit Union member beginning with the Inspirus Board in 2018 as an Associate Board Member, becoming a Board Director in 2019. He lives in Tacoma with his wife and his two children. His career has been dedicated to community building, public policy, and government relations. He is a Government and Community Relations Director at Sound Transit, working on the largest transit expansion in the nation. He holds a BA in religion and global studies from Pacific Lutheran University. Andrew is Board Certified through the CUNA certification program.

#### Benjamin Basson

Ben is a Gesa Credit Union member beginning with Inspirus Credit Union in 2008. He joined the Inspirus Board in 2018 as an Associate Board Member and became a Board Director in 2019. He obtained a B.S. in Finance from Syracuse University and has experience in equity research and private equity working for top New York and Boston firms focused on the technology and renewable energy sectors. Ben currently works for Amazon Web Services (AWS) as a Business Development Manager, managing the expansion of AWS cloud computing infrastructure expansion in the Americas region. He resides in Seattle and enjoys traveling, off-roading, motorcycling and spending time with friends and family. Ben is Board Certified through the CUNA certification program and is seeking re-election for a three-year term.

#### **Manuel Chavallo**

Manuel has been a member of Gesa since 1992. He obtained an Associates of Arts degree from Columbia Basin College, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from Eastern Washington University. He also earned an Accounting Certificate from CBC and is a member of the Plumbers and Steamfitters Local Union #598. Manuel's employment history includes Interface Management Specialist for Hanford Mission Integration Solutions (HMIS), Project Manager for Columbia Park Trail LLC and Sr. Estimator for Project Assistance Corporation, VP of Sales & Marketing for Coinstar, and President and Founder of MUNDO Communications Network, Inc. He and his wife are residents of Kennewick and have two children. Manuel enjoys hiking, biking, and managing numerous residential and commercial rental properties which he owns in our community. He has served on the Gesa Board of Directors since 2008 and is Board Certified through the CUNA certification program.

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## **Linda Cowan**

Linda is a Gesa Credit Union member and joined the Inspirus Board in 2004. She earned her BA in Ed at Western Washington University and MEd and Superintendent's Credential from the University of Washington. At the time of her retirement in 2008, Linda was the Superintendent of Schools of the Auburn School District, completing 40 years of service in public education. Subsequent to retirement, she was an education consultant for eight years. She has provided leadership to numerous non-profits (YMCA, KCSARC, AYR); is a longtime member of Rotary and PEO; and serves on two other boards (PEMCO and Multicare South King). Linda was on the ALCO for Inspirus Credit Union for 10 years. She and her husband reside in Auburn and are avid Husky football fans, bridge players, travelers, and community supporters. Linda is Board Certified through the CUES certification program.

#### **Bob Follett**

Bob has been a member of Gesa since 1984. He earned a BS degree and MBA from Washington State University. Bob is employed by Framatome, Inc. as a Project Manager for Taiwan Power Co. and Talen Energy contracts. He has been with Framatome since 1988 and has held a variety of positions in management and finance. He previously worked for UNC Nuclear Industries and Westinghouse Hanford Company as a Financial Analyst. Volunteer work in the community includes Habitat for Humanity and Junior Achievement. Bob and his wife both grew up in Walla Walla and now reside in Kennewick where they raised three sons. He served as a Gesa volunteer on the Credit Committee for seven years before joining the Board of Directors in 2000. Bob is Board Certified through the CUNA certification program.

## **Geoffrey Griebel**

Geof is a Gesa Credit Union member and joined the Inspirus Board in 2018 as an Associate Board Member, becoming a Board Director in 2019. He obtained a BA in Business and Computer Science from Western Washington University, and an MS in Finance from Seattle University. Geof currently holds the position of President and CEO for EoScene Corporation, a Seattle based provider of cloud-based Governance, Risk Management & Compliance (GRC) software. Prior to EoScene, Geof held executive and management positions at General Electric, Penwest Pharmaceuticals and The Boeing Company. Geof has been recognized internationally as a leader in enterprise system implementations and has more than 30 years' experience integrating technology and business process. Geof and his wife reside in West Seattle, he has two adult children and enjoys skiing, traveling and motorcycles. Geof is Board Certified through the CUNA certification program and is seeking re-election for a three-year term.

## Paul Korstad

Paul has been a member of Gesa since 1975. He obtained a BA degree in Business and Accounting at Central Washington University and earned his CPA license in 1976. Until his retirement in 2012, Paul was employed at PNNL as Systems Information Auditor. Paul has been past President of the local chapters of the Institute of Management Accountants and Institute of Internal Auditors and is a Certified Internal Auditor. Paul resides in Richland and enjoys traveling and watching sports. He served as a volunteer on the Credit Committee for two years and on the Supervisory Committee for seven years before joining the Board of Directors in 1996. Paul retired from the full Board in 2019 and is currently serving as an Emeritus Board Member.

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## **Bill Melberg**

Bill has been a member of Gesa since 1980. He earned both his BA in Finance and his MBA from the University of Washington. Bill is employed by Framatome, Inc. as the U.S. Fuel Controller. He previously was the Manager of Forecasts & Analysis for Siemen Power Corporation and Senior Auditor for Westinghouse Hanford Company. Bill has volunteered for Junior Achievement and is a Past Chapter President for the Institute of Management Accountants. Bill and his wife reside in Richland where they raised 5 children. Bill served as a Gesa volunteer on the Credit Committee for seven years before joining the Board of Directors in 1993. He is Board Certified through the CUNA certification program and is seeking re-election for a three-year term.

## **Bill Roberts**

Bill has been a member of Gesa since 1968. He obtained a BS degree in Chemical Engineering from Gonzaga University and an MBA from the University of Washington. Bill was employed by Energy Northwest as Procurement Manager until his retirement in 2004. He and his wife are residents of Richland. Bill served as a Gesa volunteer on the Supervisory Committee for eight years before joining the Board of Directors in 1989. Bill retired from the full Board in 2019 and is currently serving as an Emeritus Board Member.

### Jessica Schneider, MD

Jessica has been a member of Gesa since 2001 and was elected to the Board as an Associate Board Member in February, 2019, becoming a Board Director in 2022. Jessica is a Richland native and graduate of Hanford High School. She received her B.S. in biochemistry from Washington State University and an M.D. from the Medical College of Wisconsin. After working as an employed physician for multiple large medical organizations, Jessica has transitioned into private practice, now practicing as a board-certified Internal Medicine provider in the Tri Cities. She founded Empowered Health Institute, PLLC with the aim of expanding local residents' options for primary medical care. Jessica enjoys reading, cooking, hiking, Bible study, Barre classes, and spending time with her husband and their two children. She is Board Certified through the CUNA certification program.

#### **Peter Smith**

Peter has been a member of Gesa since 1984. He served two years on the Credit Committee, three years on the Supervisory Committee, and two years on the Board of Directors, then taking a break and returning to the Board of Directors in 2009. He has a BA in Business from Washington State University, an MBA from University of Washington, was a WSU-TC finance instructor & manager, and a US Army finance company HQ Commander. Peter is also a Certified Management Accountant and a retired Finance Manager from Battelle PNNL. Originally from a farm in Eastern Washington where he currently manages two farm corporations, Peter enjoys hiking and is on the Board of Friends of Badger Mountain. Peter and his wife are long-time residents of Richland. He is Board Certified through the CUNA certification program.

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## **Brett Spooner**

Brett has been a member of Gesa since 2010. He was elected in 2015 as an Associate Board Member, prior to joining as Board Director in 2019. He is a graduate of Washington State University and earned his law degree from Gonzaga. He is the Owner and Managing Partner of Gravis Law, PLLC, a national law firm headquartered in Richland WA, where he focuses on Business law. Brett leverages decades of experience in software technology and dedicates much of his free time to innovation and entrepreneurship in support of small business in rural and emerging communities. In his spare time, Brett spends time with his wife and children, mountain biking, hunting, and writing science fiction. He is Board Certified through the CUNA certification program.

#### **Martin Valadez Torres**

Martin has been a member of Gesa since 2009 and was elected to the Board of Directors in 2012. Martin is currently Regional Director of Heritage University's Tri-Cities campus and was previously Director of Workforce Training and Education. Before Heritage University, he worked at Tri-Cities Community Health and Columbia Basin College. Martin enjoys volunteering with other organizations including Mid-Columbia Libraries, the State Board of Community and Technical Colleges, Washington Nonprofits, and TRIDEC. Martin earned a BA in Economics from UCLA and an MA from Stanford University. He grew up in Los Angeles and has been living in Pasco since 2006. Martin is Board Certified through the CUNA certification program.