

Our Leadership: Passion and Excellence

A board of 15 leaders governs Vesper Society. With extensive experience in business, education, health care and community development, our board is actively engaged in the cycle of identifying critical issues, discerning opportunities, developing programs, and evaluating impact.

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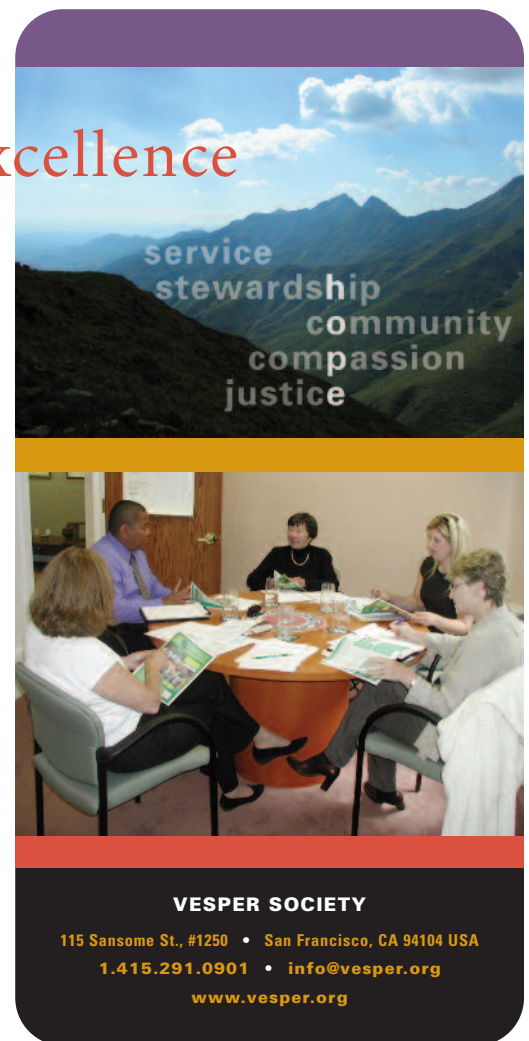
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believing in individuals, creating opportunities

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Barbara B. Varenhorst, PhD, Portola Valley, California
Corporate Member; Co-Founder, National Association
of Peer Programs; Educator, Psychologist, and Author

STAFF

*A team of three leaders, assisted by project consultants,
manages the Society's initiatives:*

Mary Olson Baich, *President and CEO*

Mary is an accomplished health care foundation executive with a passion for the intersection of health and social justice. She provides overall management for the Society as well as gifted hands-on expertise in project startup, development, and research. Prior to her work with the Society, she was executive director of Fairview Foundation and vice president of community and church relations for Fairview Health Services in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Mary received her master's degree in hospital and health care administration from the University of Minnesota and a bachelor of science in nursing from Pacific Lutheran University.

Richard W. Watson, *Controller*

Rich has extensive experience in the financial management of nonprofit organizations along with astute project management skills. In addition to serving as controller, Rich has been director of finance and a senior project manager, providing guidance to Dialogue for Peaceful Change, the Sutter Delta Urgent Care Clinic, and the Youth Intervention Network as well as other Society initiatives. He served as an international observer during Nicaragua's national election in 1989 and assisted in the construction of a primary school there. Rich attended the University of California, Berkeley, for undergraduate studies and received his master's degree in international relations with an emphasis in finance from Golden Gate University.

Carol McKevitt, *Project Associate*

Carol combines skills in project management, research and communications with a deep commitment to healthy communities. She has coordinated domestic and international conferences and worked on a variety of Society projects, including the Community Healing Network, Ecumenical Leadership Institute, Oakley Youth Empowerment Program, and Venture 21: Assessing Venture Philanthropy. Carol received her bachelor's in sociology at the University of California, Berkeley. As a student she conducted research on a study of Americans' attitudes toward civil liberties at the University-affiliated Survey Research Center.