



Snow Pond Arts Academy Board of Directors

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Sherry Gilbert is a graduate of the Northern Conservatory of Music with advance study at Hartt School of Music. She is certified by the Voice Care Network and studied Early Childhood Music Education with Dr. John Feierabend. She is a past member of the Maine Education Association (MEA), National Education Association (NEA), Music Educators National Conference, Maine Music Educators Association, and American Choral Directors Association. She taught K-12 vocal, general and instrumental music in the public schools for 38 years. She has taught in both New York and Maine with select groups performing internationally, for State music organizations, regional venues, and on local and national television. One of her select groups was the first a cappella group to open the Maine State Legislative Session. Many of her students have attended the Western Maine Music Festival, Kennebec Valley Music Festival, District IV Music Festival, All State Music Festival, and All Eastern Music Festival. Her leadership experience covers a number of other areas. She chaired the Maine Music Educators Association District IV for over 8 years; also for more than 12 years she was active in her local association in grievance arbitration and bargaining. She continued to serve her local association as president for 7 years. Under her leadership her association received the MEA's John H. Marvin award for leadership, integrity, and tenacity and was recognized by NEA president, at the time, Reg Weaver. Sherry is active as a church organist and choir director and has served on the church Parish Council for 5 years. She is on the Oakland Budget & Advisory Committee and has been diligent for citizens in the local area by urging a more in-depth oversight for the RSU 18 school budget.

Stacey Mondschein Katz is the Director of Healthcare Privacy for the Maine Department of Health and Human Services. Prior to serving in this leadership capacity, she owned an education and compliance firm that focused on helping healthcare professionals weave regulatory compliance processes into their day-to-day business practices. Stacey began her legal career in the BrooHyn District Attorney's office in Brooklyn, New Yor\ followed by years of specializing in health law, medical ethics, clinical research and patient confidentiality in both the public and private sectors in New York and Maine. Stacey also has extensive public speaking experience, and has served as an adjunct professor for paraprofessionals interested in legal careers. She has worked with younger children in a variety of educational capacities, including as a facilitator of a conflict resolution program for youth. She is a graduate of Clark University (cumlaude, Phi Beta Kappa) and NYU School of Law, and is the mother of ten-year-old twins. Prior to serving as a member of the Snow Pond Arts Academy, Stacey served in numerous community volunteer and leadership roles, including as a member of the Board of Directors of Temple Beth El, Augusta, Maine, and the Maine Association of Mediators. She is the daughter of a jazz musician and has performed as a vocalist in New York City nightclubs and as a service leader in her local synagogue.

Carl Steidel serves as the Associate Dean of Students for Student Support and Community Standards at Bates College in Lewiston, ME. In this role, Carl collaboratively develops programs that support students in all aspects of their college lives, and that connect the college's academic and co-curricular missions. He also oversees the community-standards and conflict-resolution processes that, while considering student development and community interests, address violations of the Bates Code of Student Conduct. He is coordinator of the Bates Intervention Team and a member of the Title IX Team. Carl is a member of the Maine Music Society Chorale and Chamber Singers and also sings with local a cappella group, Vocal Solution. He is actively involved as a member of Calvary United Methodist Church in Lewiston, serving as Treasurer for the Trustees and as a member of the Finance Committee.

Carl received his undergraduate degree in music education from Susquehanna University and has a master's degree in higher education management from the University of Pennsylvania. Previously, he worked in residence life at Elmira College and in the West Campus House System at Cornell University. He came to Bates in July 2011.

Michael (Mike) Willey was born in Lima, Peru when his father worked as a pilot for Pan American – Grace Airways (PANAGRA). After moving back to the United States, he attended Williams High School in Oakland, Maine and the University of Maine in Orono, where he graduated with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering and a Masters in Systems Engineering. In 1982 he received his Master's in Business Administration from Baldwin Wallace College in Cleveland, Ohio. He has also served as an officer in the U.S. Army and National Guard. Mike spent 30 years in the corporate world, primarily as a senior engineering manager and then division general manager of industrial automation suppliers including Taylor Instrument, Babcock and Wilcox and Emerson Electric. For the past ten years or so he has run his own engineering consulting business with a partner in Minnesota. Mike has been a pilot for over 50 years and currently serves on several local volunteer organizations including the Central Maine Regional Airport advisory board, Friends of Messalonskee board and the Town of Oakland facility evaluation committee. Mike has longtime family roots in Oakland and now lives on Willey Point with his wife Frances.