



John Weil, Chair, JA Staff Alumni Network

John retired as President of Junior Achievement of OKI Partners (Cincinnati) after 40 years of service in December 2016. In high school, John was a student in the JA Company Program winning a scholarship to attend Xavier University. He continued his involvement with JA working for the organization while in college. John officially began his career in 1976 in Cincinnati. He then served in Milwaukee, then returned to Cincinnati. He later worked in the Tampa followed by New Jersey and then back to Tampa. John then returned to his hometown of Cincinnati in 2006 where he served as President.



Linda Schoelkopf, Vice Chair, Chair-elect, & Chair, Communications Committee

Linda spent a total of more than 40 years doing JA's work. Starting as a four-year Achiever in the JA Company Program, followed by four years as an Advisor in college which led to her first professional role as JA Company Program Director in Rockford, IL. She served as President in Terre Haute, IN, Louisville, Kentucky and completed her career as the CEO in Dallas, Texas. She also served as Director of Training at JA USA for nearly seven years.



Jean Richcreek, Past Chair & Chair, Nominating Committee

Jean began her career in Indianapolis, Indiana in 1973 as the JA Company Program Director. She then managed the Project Business Program as one of initial pilot cities and participated on the Project Business Curriculum Development team. She managed the Applied Economics program in Indianapolis – one of the first cities to implement. After noticing that AE classroom teachers were uncomfortable with the interactive aspects of AE, she partnered with Butler University to develop a graduate level economics course for teachers using the Applied Economics materials. She ended her career in Indianapolis as the VP Operations. Jean went to the National Office in 1988 and served 3 years as VP of Training. After leaving JA in 1991 she began her second career at Citizens Energy Group where she volunteered for the International Program and traveled to Fiji and The Kingdom of Tonga to help establish programs. On those trips she recruited schools, presented JA programs to local businesses and trained Peace Corps volunteers to deliver programs.



Frank Evans, Administration

Frank joined the JA Company Program as a high school junior, and then went on to a 38-year JA career. He started in 1971 as Program Manager in Atlantic City, NJ, and went on to Program Director in Hartford, CT and Executive Director in York, PA. Next, he was Regional Assistant and then Regional PB Director in the Denver Regional Office. From 1982 to 2008 he served in various roles at the National Office, starting as National Program Director, which included being NAJAC Conference Director, and most memorably as VP & Executive Assistant to CEO's Karl Flemke and Jim Hayes. Today, Frank is a Great Clips franchisee in Colorado Springs, CO.



Ray Darby, Chair, Finance Committee

Ray's involvement with JA began as an Achiever and a JA Company Advisor. His 30-year career with JA began in Chattanooga as program manager, then President. From there he went to the Mid-America Regional Office in St. Louis, then back to the field to serve in Toledo, Cleveland and Memphis. During a three-year break from JA, Ray helped launch PolySort, a web-based resource center for the polymer industry. Ray is currently enjoying life in the Ozarks.



Brad Kauffman, Chair, Fund Development Committee

Brad served in the Marketing Department for 6 years at JA Inc./Worldwide with his last position being Vice President of Marketing. Brad became President of the Southwest Michigan operation in 2005 and was there for 7 more years. A graduate of the JA Leadership Academy, Brad served on the merger team for JA Inc. and JA International.



Tami Godsey, Chair, Membership Committee

Tami Godsey started her JA career at the National Headquarters in March 1990. Tami held multiple administrative positions mostly with the Operations Group at National. In 1997, Tami joined the JA Southern Colorado, Inc.-Colorado Springs staff as Special Events Director. She returned to the National HQ in 1999 as Administrative Assistant to the National President, Jim Hayes. Tami was also the point person for the service awards recognition program for all associates across JA USA.



Randal Mays, Chair, Staff Development & Awards Committee

Randal began his JA career in July 1982 as a Project Business Manager in Shreveport, La. He served as Executive Director of JA of East Texas in Longview then as President of JA of Central Texas in Austin. For the last 19 years, Randal has served as President of JA of the Chisholm Trail in Fort Worth, TX. He was a finalist for the Hook Award and received the Hesselbein How To Be Award. Randal Co-Chaired the Performance Standards Task Force and was Chair of the HR Committee. Randal retired December 31, 2019, after 36 years of service to the organization.



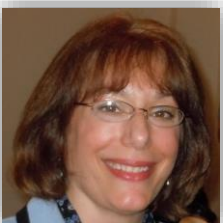
Elaine Saunders, Chair, History Committee

Elaine started as a volunteer advisor and Director of JA programs at Zion Baptist Church (the first church in the nation to sponsor JA) in Washington, DC in 1971. She received the Bronze Award for her service. She joined the staff of JA National Capital Area in 1972 as Program Director where she grew the company program from one school system to eleven school systems in DC, Maryland, and Virginia. She retired in 1997 as Senior Vice President. Beginning in 2019, Elaine has served on the JA Staff Alumni Network Executive Committee.



Rick Murray, Chair, Staff Conference

Rick had a very rewarding 38-year career with Junior Achievement, beginning as a staff member in Birmingham, AL in September 1979. He went on to serve as President in Wichita, KS and Jackson, MS. Rick spent the greater part of his career as President of the Birmingham, AL JA operation. He was an Achiever in the JA Company program all four of his high school years, volunteered as a JA Company Advisor and was a classroom volunteer numerous times.



Lucy O'Donnell, Member-at-Large

Lucy enjoyed a 27-year career with Junior Achievement of Delaware as a Senior Executive. In that time she piloted all the classroom-based programs as well as the Capstone programs and served on numerous national committees. Following her JA years, Lucy was the Executive Director of a statewide school for pregnant teens. In her retirement from full time employment she teaches high school financial literacy programs for a statewide organization, Stand By Me, as well as chairing the Board of Education for the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington.

**Kathy Arnes, Member-at-Large**

Kathy spent her 41 years of JA professional service in one community, JA in Baton Rouge, LA. She began her career as a part time Center Manager in 1976. She held various positions throughout the years, becoming President in 1999. During her years as President, the Baton Rouge operation established the mobile Finance Park.

**Rick Franke, Member-at-Large**

Rick retired in 2018 as President, Junior Achievement of Southeast Texas after a 33 year career. He chaired a variety of National Committees and received numerous honors including JA's Innovation Award, the JA International Gold Leadership Award, and the Charles R. Hook Award. Rick helped to expand Junior Achievement worldwide and bring what would become JA BizTown and JA Finance Park to Junior Achievement. Rick now practices what he taught as a restaurateur with his daughter Chef Sarah and wife Gwen.

**Ken Wasoba, Member-at-Large**

Ken was with JA for 32 years with his last 23 years as President of JA Southern Colorado-Colorado Springs. He has served on the JASAN Executive Committee for five years, chairing the fund campaign for two years and serving as Membership Committee Chair the last three years. Ken is a recipient of JA's prestigious Charles R. Hook Award.

**Edwin Bodensiek, Member-at-Large**

During his 8 years with JA (1998-2006), Edwin held four positions with the national (and then global) JA office, first in Colorado Springs, and then in Washington, D.C. He began his JA career as an Editor in the Education Department, where Edwin helped to lead an effort to update MESE, eventually leading to the creation and roll-out of JA Titan, one of JA's first online programs. Edwin was then recruited onto the marketing team, where he served as one of the organization's earliest web marketing managers. In this role, he led the development of the online student center and rolled out website templates for area offices to ensure branding consistency and ease of use. After a promotion to Director of Public Affairs, Edwin shifted his attention to building a state advocacy program, working closely with area leaders and boards. His final position with the organization was as Vice President of Government Relations for JA USA and JA Worldwide in Washington, D.C.