

Arts & Cultural Affairs Advisory Council

MEMBER BIOS 2016-2017



Hal Kantor, Chair

Recently recognized as one of the "Must-Know Contacts" by *Florida Trend Magazine*, Hal Kantor has long been a leader in the Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed's real estate group. Hal has been advising local, national and international clients in the areas of land use approvals, real estate transactions and finance since 1972. Specifically, Hal concentrates on land use and zoning, developments of regional impact, land use and property rights litigation, administrative law, real estate transactions, development and finance, environmental law, hotel and resort development, and timeshare

services. He has represented private and public sector clients for a wide array of land use approvals throughout Central Florida, including serving as lead counsel on more than 50 developments of regional impact. Hal has also served as special counsel for several municipalities including lead counsel on such projects as the Orlando Downtown DRI and the Orlando Arena DRI. He devotes much of his personal time to arts and cultural organizations, having served as Chairman of the Board for WMFE/90.7 Public Broadcasting, the Orlando Museum of Art, and United Arts. He has received numerous awards and recognitions, including the Tree of Life Award..



Cecelia Bonifay

A managing partner for Akerman LLC, Cecelia Bonifay was the president of the board for Crealdé School of Art, where she is distinguished as the longest-serving board member for the Winter Park-based community school for the visual arts. She has served as a member of the United Arts Board of Directors; on the executive committee and a board member for the Orlando EDC, and chaired the Economic Strategy Committee.

She is the past co-chair of the Urban Land Institute's Climate Change, Land Use and Energy Committee, and she currently serves as the Chair of the ULI Central Florida District Council. She is a frequent speaker on the topics of land use and growth management, development incentives, green energy and climate change, and green building and LEED certification. Cecelia also is a board member of the Metro Orlando Economic Development Commission. She has been recognized by *Chambers USA*, *The Legal 500*, *The Best Lawyers in America*, and *Florida Super Lawyers*, and she is a former recipient of the *Florida Real Estate Journal's* "Top Women in Commercial Real Estate" award.

Karen E. Climer

A native of Orlando, Karen Climer works as a licensed real estate instructor. Previously, she was an independent grant writer and fundraising consultant with many arts clients including the Martin County Arts Council, Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra and Orlando Ballet. She served for two years as a grant review panelist for the Florida Division of Cultural Affairs. Karen also served on the board for the Negro Spiritual Scholarship Foundation and chaired the City of Orlando Citizen Review Board. She currently serves on the Orange County Children and Family Services Board. Karen holds a Bachelor of Music in percussion performance from the University of Alabama and a MBA from Rollins College.



The Honorable Ted Edwards - District 5 Commissioner

Commissioner Ted Edwards was elected to the BCC in 2010. Commissioner Edwards also served on the Board of County Commissioners for District 5 from 1996 through 2004.

Public and Community Service

- Metropolitan Planning Organization
- Orange County Research & Development Authority - Board of Directors
- Orlando Museum of Art – Board of Trustees
- Central Florida Fair – Board of Directors
- Cornell Fine Arts Museum at Rollins – Board of Directors
- UCF-Rosen School of Hospitality - Committee Member
- American Lung Association – Walk Chairman
- Quest – Board of Directors

Sharon Fenwick

With a background in retail design, business owner Sharon Fenwick has pursued her passion for arts and culture through extensive travel. The Apopka resident is a member of the Foliage Garden Club of Apopka and the Northwest Orange Republican Women's Club.



Evelyn Martinez*

Evelyn Martinez was the Human Resources Manager for Osceola Heritage Park. Her 25 plus years of work experience has been in the Human Resources field, Marketing, and Training. She has been a volunteer for various committees/task forces for organizations that foster education, mentorship, opportunities for Hispanics to participate on boards for profit and nonprofit organizations, Leadership, and involvement/education in the political process. She is passionate about the arts, culture & heritage of various countries, particularly in the performing arts. As a member of the Borinquen Dance Theatre in Rochester, NY, she had the privilege to perform at various venues that gave her the

opportunity to showcase the richness of the Puerto Rican Folklore & Afro Caribbean dances incorporating contemporary technique and storytelling.

Evelyn's present and previous board and committee contributions are: Desfile Puertorriqueño de Osceola Inc. (Marketing Committee), Centro Cultural Puertorriqueño of Central Florida (Board of Directors & President of the Performing Arts), CAC Children's Advocacy Center (Board of Directors), HCCMO Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Metro Orlando (Board of Directors), Jr. Achievement Program (Teacher of JA Success Skills for TECO High School students). Prior to relocating to Orlando, Evelyn was a board member for IBERO-American Action League, Girl Scouts of America, Women of Distinction, Compeer, Inc., United Way-Hispanic Leadership Program, Latinas Unidas, and PRISM (Program in Rochester to Interest Students in Science & Math) in Rochester, N.Y.



Patrick Noze

Born in Haiti in a Province call Jeremie "City of Poets" in December 1962, Patrick Noze began painting and sculpting at the age of 5. His father, Robert Noze, a sculptor, presented him with a box containing oil paint and brushes. From that day, Patrick has never stopped painting and sculpting, a tradition he hopes to pass on to his children, all of whom demonstrate a passion for the gift of fine arts.

My personal fascination is the human anatomy; I specially concentrated in the subject in college, because I believe it is important to capture human characteristics and the uniqueness of their personality. My role and challenge as an artist is to procreate what God has already created. With my brushstrokes and the accuracy of my chisel, the end result a fine work of art.”

In 1976, Noze entered the United States and began studying art, taking private lessons at the Brooklyn Museum and the School of Visual Arts in New York where he concentrated on anatomy and color techniques. In 1979 he entered Franklin Delano Roosevelt High School with art as his major, with a focus in art history. At graduation he received the "Delano Medal of Honor," with a full scholarship to Cooper Union. He instead attended Pratt Institute School of Art and Science, majoring in fine arts with a minor in education.



Jennifer Quigley*

**Chair, Public Art Review Board*

Jennifer Quigley is a founding principal of WBQ Design & Engineering, Inc. WBQ is responsible for the civil engineering design on many of Central Florida's most notable projects. Ms. Quigley currently serves on the Board and is the past Chair of the City of Orlando's Downtown Development Board. She is the past chair and a current board member of the Downtown Arts District, Inc. and is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, Orlando Regional Chamber of Commerce, American Society of Highway Engineers and the Downtown Orlando Partnership and is a former Chair of the Arts & Cultural Affairs Advisory Council.



Rick Richbourg

Rick Richbourg graduated from Berklee College of Music, and is now the owner of the Adelphi Agency. In addition, he is a local musician and international touring artist. Mr. Richbourg is a member of the Mantovani Orchestra, which takes him to many places. He is also the past president of the Orlando Jaycees, currently the Chair of the Lake Holden Water Advisory Board, and plays in the band Groove Therapy.



Melvin Rogers

Melvin Rogers has been in education for 30 years. Receiving both his B.S. and M.S. from the University of Nebraska, Mr. Rogers has been working for the University of Central Florida for nearly 20 years, also having worked for Chrysler, Ford and the Kennedy Space Center. Other Board service includes Seminole Legal Aid and United Arts of Central Florida.



Becky Roper*

**Chair, Blockbuster Committee*

Life-long resident of the Central Florida community, Ms. Roper is a member of the Trinity Preparatory School Board, the Central Florida YMCA and Garden Theatre's Board and is a former Chair of the Arts & Cultural Affairs Advisory Council.



Tiffany Sanders*

Tiffany Sanders currently serves as the Chief Marketing Officer for JHT Inc. – a training and technology firm based in Research Park. As a proud resident and product of the Orange County school system – elementary through high school – Tiffany has come to adore the city of Orlando and the wonderful cultural advancements that continue to be made with art integration in public schools, government offices and retail spaces. She holds a B.A. from the Nicholson School of Communication at the University of Central Florida and a M.A. from Christie’s New York in Modern Art, Connoisseurship and the Art Market. She serves on the board for the Downtown Arts District, Snap! Orlando, and Rollins College Cornell Contemporaries group and is a former Chair of the Arts & Cultural Affairs Advisory Council.



Dr. Rick Schell

**Chair, Funding & Standards Committee, and Review Panels for Cultural Tourism and Cultural Facilities Funding*

John “Rick” Schell earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Drew University and his M.A. and PhD from Vanderbilt University, where his dissertation “Shelley and Decorum” was supervised by Dr. W. Paul Elledge. Dr. Schell was the English Department Chair from 1987 until 1997, and is now the Vice President and Chief of Staff at University of Central Florida. Other associations include Orlando Shakespeare Theater and the Mennello Museum of American Art.



Sara Segal

**Vice Chair/Chair- Elect*

Sara Segal earned her Bachelor of Arts from Brown University. She is currently the Community Leadership Council Chair at Howard Phillips Center for Children and Families. Other associations include the Winter Park Public Art Advisory Board, League of Women Voters of Orange County and Maitland Art Center Galleries.

***Past Chairs**