

## **Georgia Council Member Appointments with Biographical Information**

May 24, 2013

### **Barry Schrenk, Georgia Council for the Arts**

Schrenk is president and owner of Taggart's Driving School. He serves on the executive committee of the Atlanta Opera Board of Directors and on the Flannery O'Connor-Andalusia Foundation Board of Directors, and chairs the Community Engagement Committee for the Atlanta Opera. He is a board member of the Atlanta Opera Guild and the Georgia Communities for Growth, and is the Southeast regional director of the Metropolitan Opera National Council for Membership and Finance. Previously, he served on the M.O.N.C. board of national advisers. Schrenk graduated with a degree in Commerce from Rider University, where he later received the Distinguished Alumni Award. He and his wife, Anita, have two children and three grandchildren. They reside in Tucker.

### **John B. White, Jr., Georgia Council for the Arts**

White is senior consultant with the Coca-Cola Co., having retired from the company in 2000 after 34 years of service. At the time of his retirement he was assistant vice president of governmental relations, a position he had held since 1993. From 1981 to 1993 he served as executive assistant to the president of the company. He is a member of the board and executive committee of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, a member of the board of the Atlanta Education Television Collaborative, and the Board of Visitors of the Sanford School of Public Policy at Duke University. He and his wife, Anna Marie, have two children and two grandchildren. They reside in Decatur.

### **Gladys P. Wyant, Georgia Council for the Arts**

Wyant has served as the executive director and development director for the Arts Council, Inc. of Hall County for 29 years. She has completed numerous professional development workshops through Americans for the Arts, the Georgia Assembly of Community Arts Agency, Georgia Arts Network, Southern Arts Federation, Governor's Tourism Conference and Georgia Main Street Programs. She is involved in community arts education and theater initiatives, including Gainesville Children's Theatre, Arts in Schools and the Lanier Symphony Orchestra League. She has served on boards of two local convention and visitors bureaus. Wyant studied at Kennesaw State University and Brenau University. She and her husband, Joseph, have two children and four grandchildren. They reside in Gainesville.

### **Marleen De Bode Olivié, Georgia Council for the Arts**

De Bode Olivié is chairperson of the Columbus State University "Friends of Art." She serves on the board of the Columbus Museum, chairs the annual "Artbeat, Celebrating the Arts in Columbus" and the Cultural Arts and Design Taskforce of the Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce. She recently worked as the director of education, marketing and development at the Royal Museum of Fine Arts in Antwerp, Belgium. De Bode Olivié earned a bachelor's and master's degree in Applied Economic Sciences from the University of Antwerp. She and her husband, Marc, have four children. They reside in Columbus.

### **Stephanie Jones, Georgia Council for the Arts**

Jones is the finance director for U.S. Senator Johnny Isakson's campaign committee, as well as president of Campaign Consulting Group, LLC. She began her work for Isakson in Washington as a member of his U.S. House staff in 1999. Previously, Jones worked for Jerry Pair and Associates as a sales representative. She is a member of the National Society of Colonial Dames and is a former member of the Junior League of Atlanta. In 2006, she was named as one of the "40 under 40" by Georgia Trend Magazine. Jones earned a bachelor's degree from Auburn University. She resides in Atlanta.

### **Rahn Mayo, Georgia Council for the Arts**

Mayo currently serves as a state representative for 84th District. He is a residential real estate broker and small business owner. He is board chairman of the Cedar Grove High School Career Technology Advisory Council and is a board member of Arthink DeKalb. He is a member of Ray of Hope Christian Church. Mayo earned a bachelor's degree from Howard University. He resides in Decatur.

### **Jeff Mullis, Georgia Council for the Arts**

Mullis currently serves as a state senator representing the 53rd District. He works to promote economic development in northwest Georgia. He is chairman of the Senate Rules Committee, the Senate Music Committee and the Halls of Fame Joint Committee. He is a recipient of the Champion of Georgia Cities award from the Georgia Municipal Association, Legislative Service Award from the Association County Commissioners of Georgia, and the Zell Miller Public Policy Leadership Award from the Georgia Economic Development Association. He and his wife, Teresa, have three children. They reside in Chickamauga.

June 7, 2013

### **David Morrow, Georgia Council for the Arts**

Morrow is director of the Morehouse College Glee Club, conducts the Wendell Whalum Community Chorus, is artistic director and conductor of the Atlanta Singers, and co-directs the Morehouse-Spelman Chorus. He is outgoing president of the National Association of Negro Musicians and serves on the board of directors of the Intercollegiate Men's Choruses, Inc. He is a member of Metropolitan Atlanta Musicians Association, the American Choral Directors Association, Chorus America, the Georgia Music Educators Association, and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia. Morrow has led performances in such widely varying venues as Atlanta's Symphony Hall with Jessye Norman, the opening ceremonies of Super Bowl XXVIII with Natalie Cole and the Opening and Closing Ceremonies of the Atlantic Centennial Olympic Games. He earned a bachelor's degree from Morehouse College, a master's degree in Music from the University of Michigan and a doctorate degree in Musical Arts from the University of Cincinnati, College Conservatory of Music. He and his wife, Karan, reside in Atlanta.

### **Maxine Burton, Georgia Council for the Arts**

Burton is the president and chief operating officer of burton + BURTON, a balloon, floral supply and home décor distributor in Bogart. She was a public school teacher prior to founding burton + BURTON. She currently serves on the board of directors of First American Bank & Trust and served on the Georgia Ports Authority from 2002 through 2013. She is an active member of the

Committee of 200, the Women's Leadership Board of Harvard University, the Society of International Business Fellows, and has recently been inducted into CEO. Burton earned both a bachelor's and master's degree in Education from the University of Georgia. She and her husband, Richard, have two grown children and three grandchildren, all residing in Athens.

June 21, 2013

**Gina H. Jeffords, Georgia Council for the Arts**

Jeffords is owner, director and instructor for Gina's Academy of Dance, Baton and Acrobatics. She is a member of the National Baton Twirling Association, the Dance Educators of America, and the Professional Dance Teacher Association. She is currently director for the National Baton Twirling Association's Georgia State Twirling Competition. She and her husband, Ed, have two children. They reside in Jesup.

**June 28, 2013**

**Vanessa Lynn Bamber, Georgia Council for the Arts**

Bamber is the current Professor of Arts Administration at the Savannah College of Art and Design. She previously worked as managing director for Dad's Garage Theatre Company and Queens Theatre in the Park. Bamber earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Florida and a master's of business from Illinois State University. She resides in Atlanta.