



E9-1-1 Institute's Board of Directors Nomination Bios

Small Telecommunications Company

Art Prest

Mr. Prest is Vice President and Chief Technology Officer for Alpine PCS and RFB Cellular. He is also on the Board of Directors of the Rural Cellular Association. Mr. Prest has over thirty five years experience in the telecommunications industry. Since 2000, Mr. Prest has been responsible for dealing with Alpine's and RFB's technical and regulatory issues.

From 1994 to 1999, Mr. Prest was Vice President for Science and Technology at the Cellular Telecommunications & Internet Association (CTIA). His organization worked with the association's members, the FCC, Congress, and other technical and government agencies on technical and policy issues that affect the wireless industry. In particular his department was involved in the resolution of industry issues and the development of industry standards, with respect to electronic surveillance, E9-1-1, calling party pays, number portability, RF interference, WIN, Y2K, and safe driving initiatives.

Large Telecommunications Company

Brian Fontes, Ph.D.

Dr. Fontes, Vice President for Federal Relations for Cingular Wireless, is responsible for Cingular's Washington, D.C. office and all Federal Relations. Prior to joining Cingular Wireless, Dr. Fontes served as the Senior Vice President for Policy and Administration at the Cellular Telecommunications & Internet Association (CTIA). Before joining CTIA, Dr. Fontes served as Chief of Staff for the Federal Communications Commission and as Senior Advisor to FCC Commissioner James H. Quello. In 1995, Dr. Fontes was given the rank of Ambassador and served as head of the United States Delegation to the International Telecommunication Union's (ITU) World Radio Conference held in Geneva, Switzerland. He served as Chairman of the World Radio Conference 2003 Industry Advisory Group. Currently, Dr. Fontes serves as Chairman of the Communication Regulatory Agency for Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Wireless (CMRS) Industry

Laura Holloway

Ms. Holloway is currently the Vice President of Government Affairs for Nextel Communications, Inc. She is responsible for federal regulatory issues, as well as state and local regulatory and legislative issues, including Phase I and Phase II Enhanced 911, Local Number Portability, IP-enabled services, consumer protection and other regulations by state agencies. She has represented Nextel since 1994 in every phase of the FCC's E911 proceeding, participated in NENA's SWAT process in 2002-2003, oversaw and provided regulatory counsel on Nextel's implementation of E911 Phases I and II and currently providing counsel to Nextel's CEO in his role as Chairman of the Network Reliability and Interoperability Council, which is undertaking numerous wireless E911 matters.

Vendor/Integrator/Software Company

Mary Boyd

Ms. Boyd is currently Vice President of Government and External Affairs and is responsible for Intrado's external affairs, public policy, and regulatory programs that support both corporate and individual business unit interests. Ms. Boyd has over 20 years of experience in public safety communications, public policy and regulatory service.

Her extensive background includes: Director of Industry Affairs for Intrado's Wireless Business Unit; Director of External Affairs for Lucent Public Safety Systems; Director of Product Management for Lucent Public Safety Systems; and Executive Director of the Texas Commission on State Emergency Communications for nearly 10 years.

Ms. Boyd served as Past President of the National Emergency Number Association (NENA) and the National Association of State 9-1-1 Administrators (NASNA), as well as served on several committees with the Association of Public Safety and Communications Officials (APCO).

Mary Brooner

Ms. Brooner is Senior Director of Telecommunications & Strategy in the Global Government Relations Office of Motorola. Based in Washington, DC, much of her work focuses on the U.S. federal regulatory framework and coordinating product development with regulatory requirements. In her career with Motorola she has worked on public safety, private radio and telematics issues as well as commercial wireless.

Tim Lorello

Mr. Lorello has over twenty-five years experience in the telecommunications and computer industries, including positions at AT&T/Bell Labs (Lucent Technologies) where he specialized in intelligent networks, PCS, and independent and broadband industry segments. Mr. Lorello has a B.S. degree in Physics and a Master of Science in Electrical Engineering.

Established in 1987, TCS is the leading provider of mission critical wireless location-based services and messaging data to carriers, enterprise and government and leads the U.S. industry for wireless enhanced 9-1-1 (E9-1-1) services by providing E9-1-1 services and hosted inter-carrier text message distribution services. TCS has deployed over 4,200 Public Safety

Answering Point (PSAP) connections in the United States and Puerto Rico. In March of 2004, TCS announced its E9-1-1 Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) solution, a set of comprehensive capabilities meant to address the broad range of challenges for emergency services which are currently posed by VoIP technologies. TCS provides a single network-based solution with multiple configurations versus other incomplete data-based solutions.

Yair Oren

Mr. Oren leads the strategic planning and technology direction initiatives of MobileAccess Networks. MobileAccess Networks is an industry leader, providing converged in-building wireless networks for voice/data services. MobileAccess is deploying this technology in the US House of Representatives, the US Senate, and the US Capitol. These extensive in-building wireless networks offer the potential for additional E911 functionality within the facilities.

Before joining MobileAccess, Mr. Oren co-founded and served as CTO of Chromatis Networks, an optical networking company that was acquired by Lucent in 2000. Following the Chromatis acquisition, Mr. Oren served as CTO of Lucent's Metro Optical Networking Unit. Prior to co-founding Chromatis, he served as Chief Architect for Scorpio Communications, an ATM switching company acquired by US Robotics in 1996.

Steven Rivas

Mr. Rivas is a Senior Consultant and the resident fire specialist at Priority Dispatch in Salt Lake City, Utah. Mr. Rivas' responsibilities include protocol development, software design, training, project management, and consulting for the Fire Priority Dispatch System. Additionally, Mr. Rivas serves as the corporate liaison to the National Academy of Emergency Fire Dispatch and National Fire Protection Association.

Prior to joining Priority Dispatch in December 2000, Mr. Rivas was a CAD/RMS Specialist at Tiburon, Inc. in Fremont, California, where he worked on the development of mission critical public safety software systems throughout North America.

James Shepard

Mr. Shepard is currently Vice President of Operations for HBF Group, Inc. He manages all corporate operations for the development, deployment, and support of advanced E911 applications and is responsible for all aspects of software development, quality assurance, and client support. Mr. Shepard also works with current and potential customers to determine the optimal deployment of technology to support 911 operations. Mr. Shepard is active in setting industry standards through such organizations as NENA and ATIS-ESIF.

Mr. Shepard has helped lead HBF to develop industry leading technologies in wireline, wireless, and Voice-over IP (VoIP) emergency services. HBF's systems protect the lives and property of an estimated 45 million people in 19 states and 2 Canadian provinces.

David Aylward

Mr. Aylward is a founder and Director of the ComCARE Alliance, a diverse, 100-organization non-profit committed to improving emergency response, in part through development and deployment of modern communications and information systems. He founded National Strategies, Inc. in 1985, following eight years of service on the staff of the U.S. House of Representatives. From 1981 to 1985, Mr. Aylward was Chief Counsel and Staff Director of the U.S. House of Representatives' Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Consumer Protection and Finance, which had jurisdiction over federal communications regulation, the U.S. securities industry and financial markets, and a variety of federal consumer protection legislation, including automobile safety. Mr. Aylward held senior positions in two presidential campaigns, and managed four congressional election campaigns.

Janet Connors, RN, CDE

Janet Connors is a Registered Nurse in Ormond Beach, and one of Florida's most vocal proponents of cardiovascular education and awareness. Ms. Connors has an extensive nursing and educational background in cardiovascular science, emergency medicine, diabetes education and women's health issues.

Ms. Connors has served the American Heart Association for over fifteen (15) years and at all levels beginning with the local division. She is the immediate past-chairperson for the Public Advocacy Committee of the AHA's Florida/Puerto Affiliate, and currently serves on the National Advocacy Coordinating Committee, in Dallas and Washington, D.C. Ms. Connors is the current co-chair of Florida's Cardiovascular Health Council and is a board of director for Florida's Public Health Foundation. Ms. Connors is President-Elect of the Florida/Puerto Rico Affiliate of the American Heart Association and has served on the AHA's Board of Directors since 1999. She received the prestigious President's Award in 2002 for "important service to improve public health" around the state and the nation.

Academic

Sue Pivetta

Ms. Pivetta is currently the President of Professional Pride, Inc. where she serves as a professional writer, speaker, and consultant for public safety communications. Ms. Pivetta is also a Primary Consultant for the 9-1-1 People Consulting Group, where she has consulted on emergency communications operations issues. She is also currently a Clover Park Technical College Instructor where she developed online curriculum for emergency communications.

At-Large Positions (3)

Michael Amarosa

Mr. Amarosa, one of the nation's premier experts on public safety communications and response systems, brings 24 years of public safety and communications experience to TruePosition. As Senior Vice President, Mr. Amarosa is responsible for federal and state as well as international regulatory, legislative and policy issues involving TruePosition and for media and public affairs, both US and international. TruePosition technology provides location solutions addressing public safety challenges in domestic and foreign markets.

Mr. Amarosa came to TruePosition from the New York City Police Department, where he served for 24 years in various managerial capacities. For the last three years he was Deputy Commissioner for Technological Development. In this position, he was responsible for the design and implementation of the city's E911 system. Mr. Amarosa headed the largest 911 public safety answering center, police radio system, and municipal management information system in the country. In addition, Mr. Amarosa served as the city's liaison to the Federal Communications Commission, and was appointed to the FCC's federal Public Safety Wireless Advisory Committee.

Tim Berry

Tim Berry was first elected Indiana State Treasurer in 1998, and is currently serving his second term. Berry, who serves as chair of the Indiana Wireless Enhanced 911 Advisory Board, is proud of the position Indiana is in by providing a safety net for Hoosiers when calling 911 from a wireless phone. Berry has taken an active role in the National Emergency Number Association (NENA), serving on their Strategic Wireless Action Team, and testifying on behalf of NENA before Congress on September 11, 2003. To better inform Hoosiers of wireless 911, Berry developed the state's wireless 911 website, www.911coverage.org. Additionally, he has participated in several radio advertisements encouraging consumers to "be safer-be informed" about wireless 911, and has authored several articles regarding wireless 911 safety challenges. For his efforts in working to improve wireless 911 awareness and availability, Tim Berry was a 2000 recipient of the Indiana Chapter of the American Heart Association's Heartsaver Award and the 2003 Presidential Award by the International Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO).

In addition to his role in wireless 911, Berry serves as President of the National Association of State Treasurers, in this role he has testified before Congress on mutual fund issues, and appeared on CNN and National Public Radio as a resource on 529 college savings plans.

John M. Merklinger

Mr. Merklinger currently serves as the Director of the Emergency Communications Department, which provides 9-1-1 service to the Rochester-Monroe County area in Upstate New York. He is also the Deputy Fire Chief of the Gates-Chili Fire Department and a member of the Gates Volunteer Ambulance where he held the positions of both President and Chief Paramedic.

Janice Partyka

Janice Partyka, an active member of the E911 Institute, was key in helping create the Institute's Wireless Network Issues Committee (WNIC). She has helped shape WNIC's mission and establish five of its working groups with representation spanning public safety, carriers and vendors. Partyka is also a member of APCO, NENA, ESIF and NRIC's E911 Short-Term Issues Committee and serves on several of its focus groups.

As Vice President of External Affairs for TechnoCom, a California based operational and business support systems provider (OSS/BSS) for wireless location, Partyka works extensively with all industry stakeholders including public safety, carriers and vendors. Partyka earned a bachelor of arts degree from the University of California at Berkeley and a master's in business administration from the University of Michigan.

Jeff Rosenblatt

Mr. Rosenblatt is currently a Senior Associate at Booz Allen Hamilton. Mr. Rosenblatt has more than 22 years of professional experience in wireless communications. His background includes working with terrestrial microwave systems, satellite communications, commercial personal and cellular mobile communications, land mobile radio, engineering modeling tools, and spectrum management.

At Booz Allen, Mr. Rosenblatt currently serves as a Program Manager for Project SAFECOM, a Presidential e-gov initiative in the Department of Homeland Security Science and Technology Directorate. SAFECOM's mission is to assist all levels of government improve public safety response through more effective and efficient interoperable communications. Mr. Rosenblatt leads a team to facilitate the development of new wireless standards for voice communications such as APCO P25 as well as a new broadband wireless standards being developed through Project MESA, a joint effort between TIA and ETSI.