



2004 Aspen Valley Land Trust Board of Directors

Dave Bellack, Senior Vice President and General Counsel of Aspen Skiing Company, is the most recent addition to the AVLT Board. As a member of Colorado Ski Country U.S.A Board of Trustees and past member and president of the City of Denver Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, he brings a wealth of experience to AVLT. He is a graduate of Leadership Aspen, a former member of the Club 20 Executive Committee, and a participant in the “50 for Colorado” leadership training program of the Colorado Association of Commerce and Industry. Prior to joining the Aspen Skiing Company in 1995, Bellack served as the Assistant City Attorney for the City of Aspen and practiced law in Denver before moving to Aspen. He has published numerous articles on corporate and liability issues. Dave lives with his family in Carbondale.

Chelsea Congdon Brundige is a Colorado native and a producer/director with First Light Films, an independent film company focusing on environmental and social issues. A graduate of Yale University in 1982, Chelsea earned her M.A. at the University of California in 1989. She has spent the last 15 years working as an environmental professional on issues of western water management, river restoration, Native American water rights, and international water conflicts - most recently with the Environmental Defense Fund. She served on the National Academy of Sciences Committee, the Board of the Colorado Center for Healthy Communities, and on the Advisory Board for the Rocky Mountain Office of Environmental Defense. She currently serves on the Advisory Board for the Trust for Public Land in Colorado and is co-chair of the Board of Directors of COMPASS, and organization of charter public schools serving the Roaring Fork Valley. She lives with her family in Old Snowmass.

Jim Cardamone has lived in the Roaring Fork Valley since 1981, after graduating from Middlebury College with a degree in American Literature. His professional experience has been primarily in sales and marketing as a real estate broker. He is currently a broker with Mason and Morse Realtors in Carbondale, and is an avid outdoorsman. He has been a member of the AVLT Board since 2001, and currently lives with his family in Emma, Colorado.

Mark Devlin is the longest-standing member of the AVLT Board, and current Board Treasurer. He is a financial advisor with Aspen Financial, and an insurance agent and consultant. Mark has extensive experience and training in the management of assets for a large client base. He has been with AVLT since 1998.

Susan Hassol is a researcher and science writer focusing on global environmental change and energy issues. She recently co-authored a report to Congress on the impacts of climate change on the United States and a book on alternative energy strategies to address

global warming. Susan is an active volunteer for land preservation and environmental concerns and has been a member of the AVLT Board since 2001.

Carter Jackson is a rancher and retired veterinarian who has lived and worked in the Roaring Fork Valley for most of his life. His experience in land conservation has been first hand, as he and his family completed the donation of a 300-acre conservation easement on their ranch outside of Glenwood Springs in 2003, preserving an open space gem for posterity. Carter has been a Board member of the Western Colorado Agricultural Heritage Fund since 1999, and has been an AVLT Board member since its merger with WCAHF last year.

Chuck Johnson has lived in the Roaring Fork Valley since 1994. In that time he has been active in numerous organizations, including the former Western Colorado Agricultural Heritage Fund, for whom he served on the Board from 2000 until 2003. He now serves on the AVLT Board and is President of the Glenwood Springs Rural Fire Protection District. His professional background is in forest management and preservation, and includes serving for 32 years as the Executive Director of the Du Page County Forest Preserve District in Illinois, where he helped acquire 23,000 acres of multiple resource lands. He also initiated the creation of and served for 20 years on the board of the Forest Foundation of Du Page County, Illinois. Throughout his career he received many awards, including the Cornelius Amory Pugsley gold medal from the National Park Foundation for outstanding leadership as a professional park administrator. Previously, Chuck served for many years as a Board member and President of the National Association of County Park and Recreation Officials, and as a Board member of the National Society of Park Resources.

David W. Parker is a partner in Bald Mountain Development, a Colorado based real estate development company. He is also a partner in Wetbank, a company which creates wetlands, wetlands banks, and environmentally amortized real estate developments. Prior to founding Bald Mountain, David was a Vice President with Hines, an international development firm with offices throughout the US. David has Bachelors and Masters degrees from Stanford University. He has completed multiple conservation development projects in partnership with the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests. He has been an AVLT Board member since 2000.

Ken Ransford, an AVLT Board member since 2000 and current Co-President of AVLT, is a Certified Public Accountant and attorney specializing in tax and estate issues, as well as non-profit law. He advises a broad range of clients and is also a Board member of the American Whitewater Association and a former Board member of the Western Colorado Agricultural Heritage Fund. Ken lives in Basalt with his wife and two children, and is an avid kayaker and outdoor enthusiast.

Sue Rodgers, a long-time Carbondale resident and owner of the Crystal River Ranch, was a Board member of the Western Colorado Heritage Fund from 2000 to 2003, before its merger with AVLT. She is the President and Executive Director of the Anschutz Family Foundation based in Denver. She serves on many philanthropic boards including

the Aspen Music Festival and School, Boy Scouts of America (Denver Area Council), The Buffalo Bill Historical Center, The Colorado Cattlemen's Agricultural Land Trust, Crow Canyon Archeological Center, Denver Museum of Natural History, the Menninger Clinic of Topeka Kansas, Morris Animal Foundation, National Stroke Association, National Western Stock Show, and Up With People. She has contributed to many civic committees and maintains active memberships in the Central City Opera Association, the Colorado Historical Society, the Junior League and the Rotary Club of Denver. Ms. Rodgers has a longstanding interest in education, history, archaeology, animal welfare, and land preservation.

Steve Smith has been on the AVLTL Board since 2000, having previously worked for 12 years as Senior Congressional Assistant for Congressman David Skaggs of Colorado, and as Assistant Regional Representative for the Sierra Club. He now works with the Wilderness Society in Denver, though he remains a dedicated Glenwood Springs-based environmental activist with extensive experience in accomplishing large and complex projects, including the protection of North St. Vrain Creek, the designation of several wilderness areas, and the creation of national wildlife refuges at Two Ponds, Rocky Flats nuclear weapons plant, and the Rocky Mountain Arsenal in Colorado.

Kit Strang was born and raised in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She graduated from Vassar College with a degree in geology. She married Mike Strang in 1960, and they have lived and ranched in the Carbondale area ever since. They have four children, two of whom still live and work in the valley. In 2003, the Strangs began the process of preserving their 450-acre cattle and horse ranch by creating their first conservation easement preserving spectacular open space and views of stunning Mount Sopris. Kit has been a tireless supporter of conservation organizations including the Nature Conservancy and the Western Colorado Agricultural Heritage Fund, for whom she served as Board President for four years before its merger with AVLTL. She is currently Co-President of AVLTL.

Lathrop Strang was born and raised on his family's ranch outside of Carbondale where he still lives and works today. He holds a master's degree in architecture from CU Denver and has worked as an architect in the area for the past six years. Prior to that, he worked as a carpenter and rancher. He earned a bachelor's degree in Environmental Conservation from CU Boulder. His interest in AVLTL stems from his deep love and respect for the community and landscape in which he was raised. Lathrop was a member of the Board of Directors for the Western Colorado Agricultural Heritage Fund from 2000 until its merger with AVLTL in 2003.

Chuck Vidal is the former Executive Director of AVLTL and a well-respected real estate professional with 30 years experience in real estate development. He has successfully completed many large preservation projects on behalf of the land trust and private owners. He is currently affiliated with the Conservation Fund, a national organization dedicated to land preservation through purchase and resale, and is a former Board member of the Western Colorado Agricultural Heritage Fund. Chuck has been a member of the AVLTL Board since 1999, and currently lives with his wife in Aspen.