



2006 Aspen Valley Land Trust Board of Directors

Dave Bellack, *President*. The Aspen Skiing Company Senior Vice President and General Counsel joined the AVLT Board in April 2004. 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.

Wally Obermeyer, *Vice President*, joined the AVLT Board in September 2004. He is head of Obermeyer Asset Management Company, and chairs its Investment Committee. Wally also serves as one of the firm's Directors. He has broad financial and business management experience, including management of the family ski apparel business and a hydro-electric generation company. Wally holds an MBA from Harvard Business School and a BA from Harvard College with a major in Economics. He is a pilot and long-time outdoor enthusiast currently residing in Aspen, Colorado.

Louis Meyer, *Secretary*, is a Professional Civil Engineer and the President of Schmueser Gordon Meyer, a Civil Engineering and Surveying Company with offices in Glenwood Springs, Aspen, Crested Butte and Meeker. Mr. Meyer's professional expertise is with water and wastewater engineering. Mr. Meyer has been involved with the design of the Water Treatment facilities for Aspen, Basalt, Carbondale, Glenwood Springs, New Castle, Silt, Rifle and Granby. Mr Meyer is a board member of Sunlight Mountain Resort, Advocate Safehouse, SGM Springs Center Properties, Granby/SilverCreek Water Authority, a member of the Carbondale Rotary Club, and is a Senior Fellow of the American Leadership Forum.

Cathy Porter, *Treasurer*, has been with the AVLT Board since January 2005. Cathy has been a financial analyst and commercial lender for the past 8 years and is currently Assistant Vice President with Vectra Banks in Aspen. In addition to her financial acumen, she brings experience in land conservation from her work with the Nature Conservancy in Boulder. Cathy currently lives in Basalt.

Jim Aresty joined the AVLT Board in 2006. For close to 20 years, he was a principal and vice-president of production for Alfred Dunner Inc., a large, family-run women's apparel firm in northern New Jersey, where he was also long-time supporter of environmental causes. For six years Jim was an active board member at the Morris Land Conservancy in New Jersey, where he helped create a successful capital campaign, and was instrumental in renovating and moving the non-profit to their new headquarters. Jim also initiated the Aresty Mapping Center at the Conservancy, which allowed the conservancy to expand its development of County Open Space Plans and significantly increase the amount of land preserved. Jim achieved a life long dream when he moved to

the Roaring Fork Valley in late 2004 with his family. He is passionate about nature, and has traveled to many wilderness areas around the world.

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 AVLTL Board since 2001, and was President in 2005. He currently lives with his family in Emma, Colorado.

Sue Edelstein, a long-time Roaring Fork Valley resident, joined the AVLTL Board in July 2006. She first came west in 1970 to intern at an experimental school on a Navajo reservation. She worked for the Forest Service for 11 years, including stints as a park superintendent and on the teams that wrote the first master plans for the new national parks in Alaska. She later worked as a residential broker in Denver, ultimately owning Metropolitan Fine Homes, LLC, a boutique brokerage in the Cherry Creek North area. She believes in AVLTL's work and is anxious to help by serving on the board.

Lee Ann Eustis, veteran Valley volunteer and supporter of community causes, joined the Board in January 2006. Originally from Philadelphia, Lee Ann is a graduate of Vassar College and moved to Colorado with her husband, George, in 1962. She has been on the board of Colorado Rocky Mountain School for many years and was a founding member of the Garfield League of Women Voters and the Carbondale Council on Arts and Humanities. She has been active on several education boards and is a life-long advocate for the environment and wildlife. Lee Ann has two children, Leslie of Lincoln, Massachusetts, and Evan of Oakland, California, and three grandchildren. Welcome Lee Ann!

Sandy Jackson took over her father Carter's seat on the AVLTL board in January 2005, as she simultaneously assumed management responsibilities of the family ranch in Glenwood Springs, Colorado. Sandy teaches anthropology/archaeology, outdoor studies and Spanish for Colorado Mountain College and her courses have taken her on many fabulous trips around the country and the world. Sandy has participated first-hand in the land conservation process, as she helped her parents dedicate conservation easements on their 300-acre ranch in 1995 and 2003.

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 as a Board member from 2000 until 2003. He now serves on the AVLTL 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 AVL T Board member since 2000.

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 AVL T. 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, and in 2006 was named the National Western Stock Show *Citizen of the West*.

Steve Smith has been on the AVL T 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.

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. Lathrop was a member of the Board of Directors for the Western Colorado Agricultural Heritage Fund from 2000 until its merger with AVL T in 2003. He is currently assisting his parents in placing a conservation easement on their beautiful Missouri Heights cattle and horse ranch.