



2009 Aspen Valley Land Trust Board of Directors (updated March 1, 2009)

Wally Obermeyer, *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.

Louis Meyer, *Vice President*, is a Professional Civil Engineer and the President of Schmuesser 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, Roaring Fork Conservancy, a member of the Carbondale Rotary Club, and is a Senior Fellow of the American Leadership Forum.

Cathy Porter, *Secretary*, has been with the AVLT Board since January 2005. Cathy is a financial analyst and commercial lender 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 Snowmass.

Sandy Jackson, *Treasurer*, took over her father Carter's seat on the AVLT 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.

Jim Aresty joined the AVLT Board in summer of 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.

Dave Bellack is the Aspen Skiing Company Senior Vice President and General Counsel and joined the AVLT Board in April 2004 and was president during 2006-2007. 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 Basalt.

Steve Carter is the newest member of the AVLT Board, joining in February 2009. Steve was born in New York City, attended college and law school in Boulder, and served in the Peach Corps in Colombia before returning to Carbondale in 1971. He practiced briefly as a Deputy District Attorney before being appointed Garfield County Judge by then-Gov. John Love. At age 27, Steve was Colorado's youngest judge and served in that position until 2004. He now practices law in Rifle. Steve has been a soccer referee for 15 years and has served on many community and area boards and commissions, including being a founding member and president of the Friends of the Rifle Library and he served for three years on the Rifle Park and Recreation Advisory Board. His hobbies include ham radio, bicycle and motorcycle riding, and downhill and cross country skiing. Steve is married and has three children and three grandchildren.

Sue Edelstein, a long-time Roaring Fork Valley resident, joined the AVLT 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.

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.

Rosemary Patterson was welcomed to the Board in April 2008. Rosemary grew up in Boulder and received a degree in biology from Colorado State University in Fort Collins. She has spent the last 20 years raising livestock, hay and angora goats and sheep (for yarn fiber) on her ranch in Divide Creek, south of Silt, which she and her husband recently conserved under easement with AVLT. Rosemary has been a great advocate for conservation in the Divide Creek and Dry Hollow area, having led many of her neighbors to preserve their ranches through conservation easements. Rosemary also sits on the Cayton Ranger Station Preservation Board.