Friends of Long Marine Lab
Board of Directors — 2013-2014

Katherine Beiers
Originally from a small town in North Dakota, Katherine landed in Santa Cruz in 1967, where she raised her three young children. The grandmother of 10 has since spent a part of each of the past five decades immersed in political life. Her name is synonymous with the 1970s fight to save Lighthouse Field - a half-mile jog from her home - from plans for a hotel and shopping center. She then served on the Historic Preservation Commission and Planning Commission, the latter which she chaired when appointed to the council in 1989 to fill a vacancy. She won four subsequent elections, serving as mayor in 1995 and 1999 before sitting out from 2000-2008 and then winning election again four years ago. At the end of her current term in December, she will have served 15 total years on the council, 11 of them consecutively in what remains a city record. Beiers ran her first marathon in Napa at age 52 and has completed countless marathons since, but none means as much as Boston, which she first ran when she was 69. In the past decade, she has run the race every year but one, and has placed each time except one. She won her category in this year’s 116th running of the Boston Marathon and also has done three 50-mile endurance runs, the last one four years ago. Katherine serves on the Homeless Services Shelter and the Santa Cruz Land Trust boards.

Kenneth Bloome
Following college graduation Ken was employed by Lockheed Aircraft, working in their porpoise program. During that time he met Professor Ken Norris from UCLA who invited Ken to be his first graduate student to work with marine mammals. After completing his Ph.D. Ken joined Professor Norris on a Ford Foundation grant to teach and survey marine mammals on the west coast of Chile and Tierra del Fuego. A few years later he changed course and went to medical school, albeit never leaving biology far behind. Ken has lived in Santa Cruz since 1978 where he practices medicine.

Dan Blunk
Dan relocated to Santa Cruz from Portland, Oregon in 1987. Claiming to have the best job in the County, Dan has enjoyed his responsibilities as UC Santa Cruz’s Environmental Programs Manager for more than 20 years. Through his work at UC Santa Cruz, he has become well acquainted with the organization and activities of the University, Long Marine Laboratories, the Seymour Marine Discovery Center, and research of the marine environment. Dan’s previous community activities include serving many years on the Santa Cruz Public Works and Water Commissions. He is a strong supporter of the Santa Cruz Homeless Garden Project and Kuumbwa Jazz Center. This longtime Westside resident prefers bicycle transportation for local commutes, and he typically works Westcliff Drive into most trips. Dan holds a PhD in Environmental Chemistry.
**Susan Bosso**
Susan has lived in Santa Cruz for 57 years, growing up on Fair Avenue and attending Bay View Elementary, Mission Hill Jr. High, Santa Cruz High (class of 1963) and Cabrillo. Growing up in Santa Cruz and spending many days on the cliffs, beaches and swimming in our cold Pacific Ocean her interests and enjoyment have always included the ocean and marine life. Her husband, Bob, has given her the nickname “Mother Earth” because of her love and protection of nature and all of its creatures. She retired after 28 years as the Comptroller for the Law Firm BossoWilliams, her husband is semi-retired and continues to practice law at the firm. They have three grown children, two sons, David and Brian, a daughter, Tracey, and three grandsons, and also a very loved and spoiled tabby cat “Charlie”. She and her husband are personally building a small cabin on a friends ranch in Ettersburg (Humboldt County) where the family has camped and vacationed for three generations. She is a member, and past President, of the Sigma Alpha Chapter of Omega Nu, a local philanthropic fundraising organization, and both she and her husband are long time volunteers at Star of the Sea Church.

**Michael Clark**
Michael is the owner of the restaurant, Michael’s On Main. He began his culinary career at the Savoy Hotel in London and Maxine’s in Paris, and he has also worked at the St. Francis, Mark Hopkins and Hyatt in San Francisco. At his own place, he focuses on "cutting-edge comfort cuisine" classics. The opening of Michael’s On Main in 2001 was the culmination of three decades in the restaurant business.

**Freny Cooper**
Freny has been a Santa Cruz resident since 1999. She has worked with high technology companies for over 20 years on marketing and strategic planning. She has been an independent consultant for the past 13 years, and has engaged with a variety of Fortune 1000 companies as well as start-ups including Cisco, SAP, Apple, Inc., eBay, Palm, Inc., Plantronics, and KnightRidder. Freny and her husband, Val Cole, have supported a number of local organizations such as the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County, Friends of Santa Cruz State Parks, and Kuumbwa Jazz Center. Over the past few summers, their two children have been inspired by the Ocean Explorers program at the Seymour Marine Discovery Center. Freny holds an MBA from the Marshall School at the University of Southern California and a BA from the Monterey Institute of International Studies. Most recently she acted as treasurer for Spring Hill School. Her interests include cooking, cycling, hiking, and gardening.

**Harriet Deck**
Harriet is the co-owner of Schooner Realty. She has had a long history of service with FLML, serving three years as president and for over 18 on the board. Her community commitment was noted on the UCSC campus, and she now also serves as a Trustee of the UCSC Foundation. Her volunteerism extends into many aspects of the community – she is a board member of the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County and Jewel Theatre, she is a past president of the Historical Trust, and a former Woman of the Year of Santa Cruz. Her hobbies are travel, dancing, hiking, and music. She is married to John, a writer. Their two daughters are UCSC graduates.
**Shirley Ginzburg**
Shirley, a lifelong fundraiser and volunteer, moved to Santa Cruz in 1988 with husband Allen and their two children. The following year she established the area's only Judaica store, which continues to thrive under her guidance. She has been honored as a distinguished 'Woman of Valor' twice. The Jewish community of Silicon Valley and the community of Santa Cruz each has acknowledged her many-faceted contributions.
In her 15+ years as a Board Member of FLML, she has watched the growth of the Center, and remains impressed with the high caliber of the programs, and the shared vision of even greater public impact in the future. Shirley enjoys frequent travel with camera in hand. When not on the road or high seas, she cooks, sings, and hones her creative writing skills.

**Virginia Guhin**
Virginia Guhin is the Coastal Training Program Assistant Coordinator at the Elkhorn Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve. Through the ESNERR Coastal Training Program Virginia develops professional training for those individuals involved in coastal decision-making. Virginia’s efforts bring diverse people together – farmers, fisherman, regulatory personnel, elected officials, landowners and scientists – to define issues and explore solutions. She has nearly 20 years of marine science education and outreach experience in the Monterey Bay, developing and presenting programs that use science as a basis of the learning experience. Virginia received a biology degree from the University of California, Santa Cruz and her teaching credential from San Jose State University. Virginia’s background in marine science and science communication enables her to engage diverse audiences around coastal conservation issues. Virginia has volunteered with Long Marine Lab and the Seymour Marine Discovery Center for 14 years, 12 years as a docent and 7 years on the Friends of Long Marine Lab board of directors. She served 2 years as board president and has chaired the Whale of an Auction for 6 years. Virginia lives in Aptos with her husband Tim and her two children, Beth and Jack.

**Jack Harkness**
Jack has been a Santa Cruz County resident since 1978 with the past thirteen years in Pasatiempo. He is the retired COO of Pacific Plastics & Engineering, which he and his wife Stephanie, who was CEO, co-owned. They have two adult children living in Palo Alto and San Diego. Their time is spent traveling, collecting wine, and in involvement with gourmet food and wine organizations.

**Doug Hessel**
Doug started his career in 1982 with Equitable Life in San Francisco, where he developed a keen interest in helping companies design and manage their employee benefit plans. He then went on to start Hessel & Hover Insurance Services, Inc. in Palo Alto in 1984. Doug has advised and served as a broker/consultant to hundreds of companies in Silicon Valley, including many successful public companies, non-profit groups and foundations. He joined Johnson & Dugan Insurance Services Inc. in 1995 as a Partner and continues to enjoy working with J&D’s clients as an employee benefits consultant/broker. Doug currently resides in Portola Valley with his wife and two children. His wife Teri is a Santa Cruz native and is currently in her final year of
pursuing her master’s degree at Stanford University. Sydney, Doug’s daughter is a senior at Vassar College and his son Jack is a sophomore at Carleton College. In his free time Doug enjoys sea kayaking in the Monterey Bay, hiking, and fly-fishing. Doug holds an Economics degree from UC Santa Barbara and is a former board member of Planned Parenthood of Santa Clara County.

Jo Lynne Jones
Jo Lynne’s path to the Seymour Center started before the Long Marine Lab was in existence. She and husband Fred met Ken Bloome and Ken Norris on the same day, at the same beach, in Hawaii, in 1967 and became life long friends. It was that friendship that brought them to Santa Cruz in 1978. Raising a family along with developing training for teachers in classroom management consumed her first 35 years here. With retirement comes time to finally become involved. So, with a “woof, woof” for Ken Norris, she’s back on track.

Susan Karon
Susan and her husband Stephen have lived in Santa Cruz, enjoying its beautiful natural surroundings, since 1974. Susan has a BSN degree from the University of Arizona and a Master's Degree in Public Administration. After a long career in home health care locally, she joined the family business, Karon Properties, in real estate sales and property management. Susan and her husband are very proud of their two sons. Adam is a major league baseball player agent, attorney, and partner in Sosnick Cobbe Sports. He and his wife Shira are expecting their first baby this year. Eli is a real estate broker with Teles Properties in Beverly Hills and is engaged to be married in October, 2012. Susan values her community volunteer activity, which in addition to the Seymour Marine Discovery Center includes doing pet therapy with her dog at area nursing homes and libraries, various activities at Temple Beth El which have included serving as Sisterhood and Board of Directors President, and working as an interpretive docent at Natural Bridges State Beach. Her interests include reading, cycling, cooking, gardening, knitting, weightlifting and more!

Jane M. McKenzie
In 1955, Jane’s family moved to an 80-acre apple orchard above Soquel. Other than a brief stint in Hawaii during the 1960’s, Jane has called Santa Cruz home. Her 12 year old son, Quinn, the ocean, and surfing are Jane’s passions. She has been President of the Santa Cruz (SC) Long Board Union as well as a volunteer and supporter of the Ride a Wave Foundation, SC Junior Lifeguard Association, SC Surfing Museum, and Surfrider Foundation. In addition to surf-related interests, Jane is a member of the SC Rotary, board member of Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), and volunteer for Jacob’s Heart. Jane supports her family and interests as a Financial Advisor for Protected Investors of America after many years in the health care field.

Wendy Morgan
Wendy is a Family Law Specialist certified by the State Bar of California. She has practiced family law for over 20 years in Arizona and California and has been a collaborative attorney since 1995. Wendy holds a JD from Hofstra University School of Law in New York. She is
trained as a mediator, having received Divorce Mediation and Conflict Resolution training. She co-authored *California Domestic Partnerships*, which received the 2006 award for Professional Excellence from the Association for Continuing Legal Education. She completed three years of training in psychology from the Center for Intentional Living, serves as a settlement judge pro tem in Santa Cruz and Santa Clara County, and is committed to alternative dispute resolution. She has traveled to Africa to work at primate rescue sites and is an avid photographer.

*David Morrell*
David joined the board out of devotion to the university and a desire to give back to the community. He is a graduate of UCSC and he has studied Italian in Siena, Italy. He has been involved with the community through Leadership Santa Cruz Class XVII. David works as an agent at Coldwell Banker Realtor, where he is honored in the International President’s Elite. David is married to Kirsten Gruesz, a professor of Literature at UCSC. They live in Santa Cruz with their two sons, Teodoro, age 9, and Elias, age 7.

*Steven D. Penrose*
Steve is certified by the California State Bar Board of Legal Specialization as a specialist in estate planning, probate and trust law. He has practiced many facets of estate and trust law in the Monterey Bay area for more than 20 years. His practice focuses on estate and gift tax planning, estate and trust litigation, and business succession planning. Steve brings his professional expertise about Planned Giving to the Board. He previously served as Chairman of the Planned Giving Committee of the National Steinbeck Center. Steve has "a deeply held personal belief that protecting our oceans now is imperative and that educating the public to that goal is therefore equally imperative." Steve is happily married to Mary Miller, another active participant in Santa Cruz County affairs. Between them they have four children and three grandchildren who keep them very busy.

*Rita Prindle*
Rita has two grown children, Patrick and Alexis, and is married to Pete Prindle who has been a past president of FLML. She is a retired school teacher from Brook Knoll School in the Scotts Valley School District. As a teacher she’s taken many of her classes to Seymour Center on fantastic field trips! She’s also a member of a community fundraising group, Omega Nu, from which she’s learned skills that prove to be helpful in her role of FLML Board member.

*Cathy Richards-Bradley*
Cathy has over 20 years of experience in managing people and projects in the service and high tech industries. She has conducted management skills workshops in the US, France, Germany and the UK. She is a past president of the Silicon Valley Business Travel Association and is a graduate of Saint Mary's College in Moraga, CA. Cathy moved to the Santa Cruz area from San Jose with her husband, Jack Bradley, in April 2003. She began training as a docent at the Seymour Center in January of 2004 and is currently a volunteer instructor with School Programs. Her interests are golf, gardening, entertaining, and natural history. Cathy and Jack have four grown children.
Edie Rittenhouse
Edie is a retired businesswoman and active community volunteer. She has served on the FLML board for over 20 years. She also volunteers with the Sigma Alpha chapter of Omega Nu, Scope, Live Oak Senior Center, and the Museum of Art and History, and the “Pool of Dreams.” Edie and her husband Bob have three children and eleven grandchildren.

John Rusev
John is a charter member of the Friends of Long Marine Labs’ Directors’ Circle and past board member from the mid ‘80s to early ‘90s. John first joined the board after developing an interest in marine science and education when his wife Enid became a docent in the early ‘80s. Both Enid and John continue to support the Seymour Center through volunteer and fundraising participation. He has also been on the finance committee of the Dominican Hospital board, the track committee at Aptos High School (successfully funding their new all weather track), and President of the Santa Cruz County CAL Alumni Association. John enjoys gardening, bridge, and sporting events. John has spent the last 35 years as a Financial Advisor at Morgan Stanley Smith Barney (formerly Dean Witter). Enid and John have one son, Sean, a recent graduate of UCSC.

Scott Smith
Scott is a California native, who spent his childhood in Lafayette, CA and has been a resident of Santa Cruz since 1986. He holds a BS in Electronic Engineering from University of the Pacific (1984), and has held roles in marketing, project management, and customer relationship management, all for computer technology companies, including Intel Corp, Western Digital, and Sun Microsystems. He is currently a technology strategy and management consultant with Catalyst Strategies. Scott is an experienced sailor and has spent many years navigating the California coastal waters. During his college years he taught classes in sailing and coastal navigation for Horizons Yacht and Charter Association in Alameda, CA, and did numerous yacht deliveries between San Diego, LA, and San Francisco. He raced his Santa Cruz 27 sailboat in Monterey Bay during the 1980s. Scott's other interests include playing jazz guitar, mountain biking, and SCUBA diving. Scott's non-profit experience includes a six-year term as Trustee for the Santa Cruz Community Counseling Center.

Mary Stagnaro
Mary is a retired stockbroker and former partner in Baikie & Alcantara, Inc. She has served on the FLML board for over 16 years. Her community activities include serving on the Dominican Hospital Foundation Guild, Friends of Public Libraries, Holy Cross Parish Finance Committee, Sigma Alpha Chapter of Omega Nu, and as an associate member of CASA. She has been honored with a lifetime membership in Omega Nu, and for outstanding work with the Boys and Girls Club. Her hobbies are tennis and bridge. Her family includes husband, Jack, two daughters, and two grandchildren.
Merritt Taylor
Merritt joined the board because of her lifelong interest in the natural history of California. She is a retired librarian of Santa Cruz City and County Libraries. She received a BA from UC Riverside and an MA from San Jose State University. She has participated in Leadership Santa Cruz County, and is currently studying Spanish at Cabrillo. Merritt has been a commissioner for Santa Cruz City Parks and Recreation Commission, was on the Steering Committee for the Surf Museum, and a board member at the Santa Cruz Museum of Natural History. She is a volunteer of Star of the Sea Church. Merritt enjoys natural history, gardening, cooking, camping, hiking, and medical mission trips.