

Biography for Paul McGovern, Chief Financial Officer, Council of Directors:

Paul is from Ireland and graduated from University College Dublin with a Bachelor of Commerce degree. He has been CEO of Database Republic (DBR) for 14 years. DBR has developed and maintains workflow solutions for multiple California State agencies. It also developed and helped create the C2P platform for Compliance & Risks helping Fortune 500 companies monitor and manage regulatory change. He is Director of business development for Compliance and Risks and works with many Fortune 500 firms in the area of global environmental regulations.

As a teaching professional, he co-owned a children's summer tennis camp in Ireland and taught tennis to children up to international level. His awards include receiving Northern California Tennis Association teacher of the year.

Paul was a founder of YES and believes that YES plays a vital role in educating children to become academic masters, understand environmental issues and to contribute positively. He is also a founder of and actively involved in Good Food Farms a food Coop based in Oregon House. Good Food Farms grows year-round and delivers weekly produce to its local members.

Paul lives with his wife Natasha in Oregon House. He has one son, Oliver and likes to travel, play sport and read.

Biography for Louise Miller, Principal, Council of Directors:

Louise Miller is the Principal/Superintendent of Yuba Environmental Science Charter Academy where she leads a dynamic school community. Educators at YES Charter Academy guide students as they apply the scientific method to solve real world environmental problems through hands on investigations and collaborative projects.

Louise earned a Bachelor of Arts in History from California State University, Chico, in 1983 and a Multiple Subject Credential from Chapman University in 1996. In 2010 she earned a master's in educational leadership and Administration from California State University, Chico, graduating with distinction.

In her over 20 year career as a teacher, she fulfilled roles such as teacher in charge, literacy coach, and Shady Creek Outdoor School principal. As a literacy coach Louise lead professional development, coached teachers, and analyzed data for school improvement. With special interests in literacy and science, she served on both English Language Arts and science curriculum adoption committees and developed year-long thematic units of study that integrated science,

social studies, writing, and art.

Louise reaches out to the community to create rich experiences for students. She has partnered with businesses and organizations to complete beautification projects, to hatch salmon eggs in the classroom, and to bring exciting field trips and assemblies to her students.

Her interests are native plants and pollinators. She is an avid gardener and member of the Xerces Society (What the Audubon Society is to birds, the Xerces Society is to bugs). A pollinator friendly California native landscape that she developed was featured in the American Association of University Women (AAUW) Garden Tour in 2015. She is a beekeeper and was on the panel of tasters that developed the UC Davis Honey and Pollination Center Honey Flavor and Aroma Wheel. Her honey was a finalist for the Martha Stewart American Made Agriculture and Sustainability Award in 2014 and won Best of Show, Specialty Food at the 2015 Taste of Yuba Sutter.

Louise is married and has a blended family with children and grandchildren.

Biography for Linda Cohee, Vice President, Council of Directors:

Linda Cohee's work as an advocate for educational excellence for children includes service in varied roles including as a principal, elementary teacher, Yuba College instructor and administrative consultant and coach. Additionally, she is the parent of two incredible children and a resident of Browns Valley, California.

Ms. Cohee has 35+ years of experience as an elementary school principal and teacher in grades K-8. She is a long-time resident of Browns Valley and has two children and two grandchildren. Her educational background includes a B.A. in Psychology from CSU Sacramento, M.A. in Education/Reading from CSU Chico and post graduate work in school leadership from Harvard University and U.C.L.A. Ms. Cohee's philosophy is that children are the future and that involvement in their education is our most important work. Ms. Cohee has had the pleasure of meeting many YES parents and community members as the interim principal for YES in 2017.

Biography for Pamela Cook, Council Member, Council of Directors:

Pamela (Pam) Cook began working with children and families in 1973 as volunteer at a school for children with special needs through Future Teachers of America (FTA). She received her Bachelor of Science in Education degree from Northern Illinois University in 1974 and has been working with children and families since that time as a teacher, vocational counselor, Program Manager, and Director. In 1999, she joined the Yuba County Health and Human Services Department and continued to assist children and families overcome difficulties as a social worker and program manager with the Children and Adult Protective Services Division. Pam retired in 2018 after working with the County of Yuba for 19 years.

Pam moved from Oregon back to California to live on her grandparent's property in Dobbins just two months before the Pendola fire destroyed much of the Oregon House – Dobbins community. Her property was devastated and since that time she has been working to return/ improve her property/community to a natural and fire safe balance. Local activities include:

- Board President for the Yuba Environmental Science Charter Academy - Board Secretary for the Yuba Watershed Protection and Fire Safe Council - Trustee for the Keystone Cemetery
- CalFire Volunteer in Prevention at Oregon Peak Lookout Tower every Sunday since 2000

Environmental issues are very important to her; she loves the out of doors and has turned her small property into a haven for local flora and fauna. Joining YES Charter Academy as a board member has been and will continue to be a wonderful opportunity to assist and support our local children and families while participating in/improving relevant environmental issues at the school level.

Deborah Hoerner, Council of Directors member

Deborah earned her degree in Communications from the University of Portland, Portland, Oregon, in 1972. She is married to architect Dick Hoerner and has 2 daughters. She has lived in Oregon House since 1978, with only a short break to live abroad. She also serves as Secretary on the Board of Directors of the Elysian Society and volunteers her time helping people to complete end of life documents such as the Advanced Health Care Directive and a simple will.

For a few years after graduating from university, she traveled and worked in Europe. She returned to the US to live in California and, in 1980, a friend opened Urgent Care in Oroville and asked her to be the Office Manager. A year later, he opened another Urgent Care in Yuba City and she became the Office Manager there as well. Having wanderlust after working for 4 years, she moved to Madrid,

Spain, where she worked as secretary to the head of CBS Records. Returning to California, she became the Supervisor in Medical Records at Fremont Hospital and after working there for 9 years, she accepted the opportunity to work at the newly opened clinic in Oregon House, which made her extremely happy not to have to commute any longer.

In 2010, Paul McGovern asked her to be the Office Manager at YES Charter Academy and she accepted. She told friends this was the best job she'd ever had because working closely with students, parents, teachers and ancillary staff was very satisfying. She retired from YES in 2019, returning to read to the kindergarten class and to attend many events.

She looks at participating on the Council of Directors at YES as coming home and looks forward to many years of service.

Lance Haliday, Council of Directors Teacher Representative Member

Lance Haliday earned his B.A. in Geography - Ecosystems from UCLA in 1983. He began teaching Jr. High full-time at a private school in the Los Angeles area shortly after while also getting his teaching credential in Social Sciences from Cal State University, Northridge. After five years of full-time teaching, Lance moved into an administrative position at the same private school and obtained his M.A. in Educational Administration from Cal State University, Northridge in 1993. He has served on the school board at his schools for over 35 years now and has served on various board committees.

Lance moved to Big Oak Valley in Nevada County in 2019 and worked in private school administration in Yuba City before returning to teaching. He is currently in his second year of teaching secondary school grades at Yuba Environmental Science Charter Academy. He is married and has three adult children.

Elizabeth Yvette Rodriquez, Parent Representative Director:

I spent most of my young life in San Jose where I graduated high school. I learned general bookkeeping/accounting skills working with my parent's business as a teen. Started a family at 21. Returned to work when my son was 12. Became legal guardian of my grandnieces in 2018. Retired from Costco Sand City in March 2019 and moved our family to the Yuba County foothills to give our girls a better life and to be near my grandchildren.