

## WWAC

### BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

#### I. Board of Directors.

##### 1. Baltej Maini. President.



A vascular surgeon, Dr. Maini earned his medical degree in his native India, and served his residency and surgical fellowships at three of Boston's top academic hospitals. A physician executive, he served as President and CEO of the Worcester, Massachusetts-based Fallon Clinic group practice. Dr. Maini served as CEO and board chairman of Sheikh Khalifa Medical City, the top-rated government-owned hospital system in Abu Dhabi, under Cleveland Clinic management.

A global health care business authority who as a chief executive, board leader and Dean of International Affairs at Tufts Medical School, has planned and led international expansion initiatives, hospital start-ups and turnarounds, and medical education partnership initiatives, as well as challenging patient care and safety improvement initiatives in emerging markets. He was the President of Maini Consulting Group, which he founded in 2007 to advise health care organizations in the U.S. and abroad on how to make successes of their international ventures.

##### 2. Peter Hansen. Vice President.



Peter Hansen is professor of history and director of International and Global Studies at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. At WPI, he advises interdisciplinary projects around the world and directs a program in Copenhagen. He is writing a book about Mount Everest and his research on mountaineering and modernity has appeared in *The Summits of Modern Man* (2013), many articles and television appearances. He is a Past President of the Northeast Conference on British Studies and has been a Fulbright Scholar in France and visiting fellow at Durham, Cambridge, Harvard, and the Australian National University. He lives in Worcester with his wife, Allison Chisolm, and they have two grown children. He is actively involved at Wesley Church in Worcester and other civic organizations.

**3. Sawkat Anwer.**  
Immediate Past President.



M. Sawkat Anwer, MS (Bangladesh), PhD (USA), DMVH (Germany) is a distinguished professor emeritus at Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine (CSVM), Tufts University, Massachusetts, USA. He is currently a member of CSVM Board of Advisors. He received teaching and research awards and served as chair of Biomedical Sciences (1996-2007) and Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies (2007-2020) while at CSVM. He directed three FAO-sponsored training programs (2017-2021) on Disease Control and Prevention including improvement of accreditation process in Bangladesh and World Organization for Animal Health (OIE)-sponsored training program at Chattogram Veterinary and Animals Sciences University (CVASU), Bangladesh to improve veterinary curriculum and introduce formal continuing education program. He has recently been engaged with academic veterinarians of Bangladesh through virtual seminars on topics of interest to local veterinarians.

**4. Eric Brose.**  
Assistant Treasurer.



I am currently a financial advisor with Infinex located at Fidelity Bank in Worcester, helping clients primarily in central Massachusetts. Jan Seymour and I live in Boylston, and are the proud parents of our son Ned who is in his second year at NYU Law. Prior to our move to Boylston, we lived in NYC for 16 years, where I enjoyed a 10-year career in advertising in a variety of Madison Avenue agencies. I now enjoy volunteering my time at All Saints Church as the chair of the investment committee and on Vestry, as a director on a family foundation, as head of governance on the Music Worcester board, and as chairman of the Finance committee in Boylston. In my free time I enjoy spending time with Jan and Ned and family and friends, playing tennis, skiing, running, hiking and keeping up our 230-year-old home.

5. **Karen Chaparian.**  
Chair, Speaker's Committee.



I am a graduate of Clark University with a degree in International Relations, married for 48 years with 2 children. My husband and I owned and operated 2 retail establishments for 22 years. Following that, I was an adjunct professor in the English Department at Quinsigamond Community College, later taking a position as Director of the Adult Basic Education Program in Marlborough. I served as co-chair of the MA ABE Directors' Council for 3 years. I retired in 2017. I was also an elected town meeting member in Shrewsbury for 6 years, where we have resided since 1988. I helped coach the Shrewsbury High School Speech and Debate Team and judged many statewide tournaments. Along with chairing the Speaker Committee of the WWAC, I am an active volunteer at Tower Hill Botanic Garden. I am also active in the Armenian church community serving as Recording/Corresponding Secretary of the Ladies Guild. My husband and I enjoy travel and have visited most of the United States, much of Canada and parts of Europe.

6. **Albert Collinson.**  
Director.



Al lives with his wife, Ursula, in Berlin, MA. He is the President and CEO of an area biotechnology company with offices in Marlborough Ma and Dublin Ireland. As a consequence of his professional career, Al has travelled extensively throughout the northern hemisphere and has managed relationships with numerous companies and academic institutions throughout the world. Al has been a member of the WWAC for roughly 10 years.

**7. Carol Crowley.**  
Director.



Carol Crowley is a native of Grafton Hill in Worcester and graduated from Worcester State University with a BS in Business and Finance. She spent many hours volunteering at Girls Inc. and St. Vincent Hospital. During her career, she worked as a corporate controller in technology and insurance. Then, out of her love of golf, she became the Director of Human Resources for the very first country club in the United States, established in 1882.

In that role, she frequently saw people retire without clear plans. This inspired a career change to Edward Jones, where she has been a financial advisor for 8 years.

She feels her purpose is to serve others in finding financial security and living their best lives.

She devotes time to the Northborough Food Pantry, Beaumont Nursing Home and the CASA Project, advocating for children who are victims of abuse and neglect.

**8. James Dealy.**  
Director.



James Dealy lives in Shrewsbury, MA with his wife Anna, two sons Benjamin and Ryan, and 70lb dog Maui. He graduated from

Assumption College with a BS in Political Science. He obtained an MBA at Bryant University. He primarily has worked in the disability insurance industry. He enjoys process improvement and project management. James has led several cross-site initiatives. He serves on the Shrewsbury Education Foundation. His interest in world affairs began in college. He finds being well informed of domestic and international news to be both enjoyable and critical to ensuring our future.

**9. Carolyn Erskine.**  
Director.



Carolyn Erskine is a Reiki practitioner, teacher and owner of CaroReiki. She's served on numerous local and state non-profit boards, most recently as President of the League of Women Voters, Worcester Area and past co-chair of the YWCA Domestic Violence Advisory Committee. Carolyn joined the board of the WWAC in 2019. She is married to Matthew Erskine and lives in Paxton.

**10. Philomena Feighan.**  
Chair, Membership Committee.



Philomena Feighan was relocated from Ireland to the US in 1995 and has lived in Westborough, Mass. ever since. A teacher for much of her life, she is now self-employed as an innkeeper at her 1857 home. She is also an instructor at the Worcester Institute for Senior Education and serves on several boards.

**11. Erwin (Dusty) Miller.**  
Chairman of the Board.



I am a retired partner of the law firm of Bowditch and Dewey where I practiced for 50 years. Community Banking and not for profit organizations was my focus. I have been and continue to be involved in the community with many organizations, currently besides WWAC these include: Mechanics Hall and the National Area Council Committee of the Boys and Girls Clubs of America, where I serve as liaison for Area Councils of Clubs in Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine, with Boys and Girls Clubs of America Headquarters in Atlanta. Previously I represented Worcester Boys and Girls Club in the Gardner, Kilby, Hammond Neighborhood Revitalization Project with Clark University and Main South CDC.

**12. Donna Rose.**  
Treasurer.



Donna Rose received her degree in Physical Therapy from the University of Connecticut and worked most of her career in that profession at Memorial Hospital in Worcester. She and her husband Hank have visited more than 28 countries, both in his capacity as International Operations Manager for Jamesbury and privately for vacations. They lived in Tokyo during Hank's tenure as VP of the Jamesbury subsidiary there. Donna sang in the Mastersingers of Worcester and was Concert Manager for several years. She was Treasurer of the Worcester Garden Club, and remains active as a director on its board. A long-time member of the Worcester World Affairs Council she has served on its board as Treasurer for more than 30 years, a position she still holds.

**13. Henry (Hank) Rose**  
Clerk.



Hank has been a member of WWAC (and its predecessors) since about 1981. For 16 of those years, he and his wife Donna were President and Treasurer. Hank holds both a B. Aero Engg. and a Masters in Mgmt. from Rensselaer. After serving in the Marine Corps, he worked 8 years at Pratt and Whitney. In 1962 he came to Worcester as Chief Engineer of Jamesbury Corp., and served later as Manager of International Operations. He and Donna lived in Tokyo for a year in 1979-80, where he was VP of the Jamesbury subsidiary there. He retired in 1997, and was retained as a consultant to an Italian manufacturing company for another 16 years. Hank has served as Manager of the Worcester Chorus, Treasurer of the International Center and of the Torch Club, and at WAM as Co-Chair of the Corporator Council and currently President of the Docent Council.

## II. Students Coordinator

James Welu.



James Welu joined the staff of the Worcester Art Museum in 1974 as Assistant Curator and went on to serve as Curator of European Art, Chief Curator and for 25 years as Director. He was named Director Emeritus in 2011. Welu holds a BA from Loras College, an MA and MFA in studio art from the University of Notre Dame, and a PhD in art history from Boston University. A specialist in 17<sup>th</sup>-century Dutch and Flemish art, he has published and lectured widely and organized a variety of exhibitions. Welu served as President of the Association of Art Museum Directors and Chair of the Accreditation Commission of the American Alliance of Museums. He remains active in numerous Worcester organizations and continues to lecture at the Worcester Art Museum, College of the Holy Cross, Clark University and Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

## III. Members, Speakers Committee



Richard Avis



Jane Cartelli