

## **The Studios of Key West Bios of the Board of Directors**

### **Scott Burau\***

Scott is a senior manager with the Real Estate Services organization at Deloitte LLP. He serves as a tour guide for the Key West Literary Seminar, and he represents Key West on the Cultural Umbrella Committee of the Tourist Development Council. He spends part of the year in Provincetown, Massachusetts. He graduated from Haverford College, where is still actively involved, and lives with his husband, Eric, and their dog, Linus.

### **Kendall Cameron\***

After a 30-year career as an educator in Los Angeles and Philadelphia, Kendall retired to KW with her wife, Keri, and started an entirely new career in theater lighting. Her work has been seen in many of The Fringe Theater's productions, Bravo Theater's summer musicals, at the Studios of KW, the amphitheater, and other venues around town. When she's not shedding light on the situation, she enjoys cooking and spending time with her wife, friends, and pack of Yorkies.

### **Erika Hawks**

Erika has hosted a series of fundraising events this year at her Key West Yoga Sanctuary, and became Empowerment Sponsor at YGB's annual campaign "Global Gathering for India" with its generous community's support. Erika Hawks has been practicing traditional ashtanga yoga as taught by Sri. K. Pattabhi Jois since 2008. She has studied in Mysore, India and began her teaching career in Ashtanga yoga at Miami Life Center over a decade ago, with the blessing of her teachers Kino MacGregor and Tim Feldmann. After moving to Key West in 2014, Erika found her home at the Key West Yoga Sanctuary, where she took the helm in 2021. Erika is a certified Ayurvedic Health Counselor and continues her studies at SAI Ayurvedic Institute. She holds a 200 RYT since 2010 and is currently working towards 500 RYT with her teacher Greg Nardi of Ashtanga Yoga Worldwide. Before committing full-time to her yoga mat, Erika graduated from the University of Miami School of Law with a J.D. in 2002.

### **Dwight Hill**

Dwight has lived in Florida since 1960 and is a third generation Floridian. He is a graduate of the University of Florida with a degree in Economics. A banker for over 40 years, he is currently the Market President of First Horizon Bank for the Florida Keys. Dwight and his wife Mary live in Islamorada. In the spirit of "to those who much is given much is expected," he is actively involved in our community serving on the boards of the Children's Shelter of Monroe County, United Way of Colliers and the Keys, and The Studios of Key West. Through the First Horizon Foundation, he directs the charitable giving for the bank in Keys.

\*indicates Executive Committee Member

### **Chase Hurst**

Chase a native Virginian who moved to Key West nine years ago. After graduating with an interest in Business Administration and Accounting, he enlisted in the United States Air Force. Chase is a Gulf War veteran who served four years stationed at Ft. Campbell Army Base as a Tactical Air Control Specialist. He spent the next 20 years providing personal accounting services to individuals and companies. Since 2013, Chase has been the Finance Director for Womankind. He oversees the accounting, business support, financial planning and analysis, annual audit, fundraising, grant writing and grant reporting. Former positions include he is serving as Board President of May Sands Montessori School, and Treasurer and Co-chair of Fundraising. Chase currently serves as Treasurer of The Mystic Krewe of Key West, a local nonprofit organization that has raised over \$160,000 in five years for other local nonprofits in need. He is Co-Administrator of the John B. and Brownie Young Memorial Scholarship for 15 years and is also an “old-school” programmer; Chase designed the contribution and annual fund database for the Owensboro Symphony Orchestra. He also created the membership database for Impact 100 – Owensboro, a nonprofit that has provided over \$3,000,000 in grants to local organizations. Chase and Craig just celebrated their 11th year of marriage, and they have a macaw, an African grey, and a Yorkie named Oliver.

### **Jackson Kaufelt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President\***

After a decade of success producing television shows for HBO, ABC and HGTV that feature luxury real estate projects from around the globe, Jackson Kaufelt joined Truman and Co., Real Estate Services. Jackson, now a licensed Realtor, teams with his mother, Lynn Kaufelt, selling property of all kinds in Key West and the lower Florida Keys. A native New Yorker, Jackson was raised in Old Town Key West. His father, David Kaufelt, was a novelist and the founder of the Key West Literary Seminar. His mother Lynn Kaufelt has been a top selling Broker associate for the past 25 years. Jackson joined the TSKW Board in 2018.

### **Chris Kent, Treasurer\***

Christopher Kent is a retired Senior Managing Director from FTI Consulting’s Economics practice, where, in addition to managing a staff of economists, he held primary responsibilities for business development and coordination between FTI’s five major practice groups. In his career he conducted, directed, and testified as an expert witness on numerous detailed analytic studies, primarily related to the economic and financial workings and operations of network industries. Chris’ analyses were used internally by companies to set prices and for operational reorganization. Most frequently, his studies were used in administrative and judicial proceedings. Chris testified extensively before state and federal administrative agencies and legislative bodies, in federal and state courts, and in arbitration and mediation proceedings. He is a 1970 graduate of the University of Virginia. He is married with two sons and two granddaughters. He currently divides his time between homes in Annapolis, MD, Key West, FL, and Fenwick Island, DE. He is a licensed USCG (merchant marine) Captain.

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**Warren Leamard, Owner & Chef, Destination Catering & Events**

Warren Leamard is the chef and owner of Destination Catering & Events in Key West, Florida. Originally from Jamaica, Warren has called Key West home since 1985 and is recognized for his expertise in Caribbean-inspired cuisine and event planning. Alongside his wife Abby and their two daughters, Alison and Felicia, Warren is deeply invested in Monroe County, particularly, the Key West community. He is a dedicated member and past president of the Sunrise Rotary Club, Board Member at The Studios of Key West, serves as Development Chair for the Community Foundation of the Florida Keys, and is a co-sponsor of the Macedonia Scholarship Fund. He also contributes his insights as a member of the Bahama Village Redevelopment Advisory Committee, Monroe County Affordable Housing Committee and Habitat for Humanity. Warren's leadership at Destination Catering & Events and his commitment to local initiatives reflect his passion for both culinary excellence and community development in the Florida Keys."

**Kim McGuire, Secretary of the Board\***

Kim McGuire has been coming to Key West for the winter since 2014. She lives in Asheville, North Carolina, and spent most of her career in nonprofit leadership. In addition to being Secretary for The Studios of Key West board, she currently serves as Chair, Thrive Asheville, and on the Board of Pisgah Legal Services and Key West Community Sailing Center. Formerly she was on the Board of Asheville Art Museum and WCQS public Radio. Kim began her career as a reporter for Wilmington Morning Star and The Washington Post; for 12 years she was the Program Director for Western North Carolina Nonprofit Pathways and consulted from 2015 to 2019. Kim holds a BA, University of North Carolina School of Journalism; and an MA, Georgetown University.

**Harrell Odom, II, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Chair of Development Committee\***

Harrell comes to The Studios of Key West Board after many years as a seasonal resident of Key West having made the permanent move in 2017. He retired from the private practice of Interventional Cardiology in Nashville, Tennessee, where he held several leadership positions at Baptist Hospital; and served on the clinical faculties of Vanderbilt University Medical School; and the University of Tennessee. Apart from medicine Harrell served on the boards of the Nashville Symphony Orchestra and Nashville Cares. He and his husband Barry Cook enjoy traveling, cooking, and spending time with so many Key West friends.

**Kerry Shelby, President\***

Kerry Shelby is a retired certified public accountant who most recently served as the chief executive officer of the Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority, the utility that provides water and wastewater services to the Florida Keys. He is a graduate of the University of Tennessee and has served on many cultural and charitable organization boards since moving to Key West in 1991, including the Tennessee Williams Theater, AIDS Help, the Community Foundation of the Florida Keys and the Key West Art and Historical Society. He has served on the board of Directors or the Advisory Board of TSKW since the organization's second year of operations.

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**Nell Smets**

After 50 years as principal of Smets Associates Architects, Nell retired January of 2025. A Graduate of the University of Maine and then the Rhode Island School of Design.

During her professional life, Nell served as the RI President of the AIA, she began the RI Intern Program for architectural graduates and was president of the Barrington RI Planning Board and Barrington Preservation Society. She was board member of the Providence Historical Society and appointed by the RI Governor to the RI Registration Board (recognized as the youngest and first female ever appointed). In 1995, Nell joined the Peace Corps, serving in Gabon Africa for two years as a construction consulate to the Gabonese government. Nell also participated in numerous Habitat for Humanity builds with Jimmy Carter. She arrived in Key West October 2021 and has been keeping busy as a board member of the Key West Garden Club and restoring her 1896 conch house.

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