

## Dr. Charlena Seymour Scholarship Judging Committee

2024

**Ms. Carol de Groot Bois, M.P.H.**, founded Bois Consulting Co., Inc. in Framingham, Massachusetts in 1998. Ms. Bois managed hazardous waste site investigation and remediation projects nationally and internationally for over 35 years. Her work included Massachusetts Contingency Plan (MCP) sites, as well as Superfund, RCRA Corrective Actions, Brownfields, and ASTM due diligence projects at a variety of industrial, commercial, and residential properties, as well as environmental consulting work for non-profit organizations and municipalities. She was a Massachusetts Licensed Site Professional (LSP) from 1993 – 2023, and is a former President of the Massachusetts LSP Association. Prior to her work as a consultant, Ms. Bois was the Section Chief of the Site Assessment Branch in MassDEP's Central Regional Office in Worcester, Massachusetts. She closed her environmental consulting business in December 2023 to focus on other projects in her "next phase."

Ms. Bois has a B.A. in Biology from the University of Rochester and an M.P.H. (Environmental Health) from Boston University School of Medicine. She is currently a member of the LSP Association and is on the Science Advisory Board for the UMass Conference on Soils, Sediments, Water and Energy.

**Cristin Bruce, Ph.D.** leads the Global Soil and Groundwater R&D and Advocacy program for Shell. She has over 25 years of experience in site assessment, contaminant fate and transport, environmental restoration, and petroleum forensics. Cristin has served on the advisory board for the AEHS Foundation's Annual International Conference on Soil, Water, Energy, and Air for over 15 years.

**Millie Garcia-Serrano** serves as the Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup's Assistant Commissioner for the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP). In this role, Millie is responsible for the oversight of the waste site cleanup program under M.G.L. c.21E and the Massachusetts Contingency Plan, working in coordination with the US EPA on federal sites, and RCRA corrective action sites, Brownfields, emergency response and preparedness, the Natural Resources Damages program, and the Massachusetts Marine Oil Spill Prevention and Response Act program. Prior to this role, Millie served as MassDEP's Regional Director of the MassDEP Southeast Regional Office, Chair and subsequently Acting Executive Director of the Licensed Site Professional (LSP) Board, and Deputy Regional Director of the Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup in the Southeast Regional Office. Millie has 37 years of demonstrated public and private sector experience with focused expertise in environmental assessment and cleanup, risk characterization, federal facilities cleanup, emerging contaminants, brownfields redevelopment, environmental justice, and natural resources damages. Millie is a member of the Massachusetts Licensed Site Professional (LSP) Association, the Association for Environmental Health & Sciences Foundation's (AEHS) Scientific Advisory Board tasked with providing advisory support to the Annual International Conference on Soils, Sediments, Water and Energy, and is a voting member of the AEHS Foundation's Charlena Seymour Diversity Scholarship Committee. A native of San Juan, Puerto Rico, Millie has a Bachelor of Science in Biology from the University of South Alabama, College of Art & Sciences in Mobile, Alabama and a Master of Public Health from Boston University's School of Medicine in Boston, Massachusetts.

**Susan M. Henry, Ph.D** – remaining on board – Susan M. Henry, Ph.D. is a retired Environmental Scientist / Engineer with over 25 years of experience in environmental research, teaching, publishing, and consulting. While working on her doctorate at Stanford University, she researched

biodegradation of chlorinated solvents, and expanded her expertise to investigation and remediation of contaminated soil and groundwater during her years as a consultant. Susan is now an avid birder and volunteers as a Naturalist for Sea and Sage Audubon at San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary in Irvine, CA . She teaches 4th and 5th graders about birds and wetlands, and she is part of the Tree Swallow Nest Box team. Susan has served on the advisory board for the AEHS Foundation's Annual International Conference on Soil, Water, Energy, and Air for over 20 years.

**Wally Hise, PE** has a 38-year career in the architecture and engineering industry spanning operations, client management, strategic planning, and business development. He has worked for consulting and construction companies ranging in size from \$20 million to over \$1 billion in annual revenue. Wally's involvement with AEHS over the past 30 years includes conference attendee, presenter, and advisory board member. Wally holds a B.S. in Civil and Environmental Engineering, and has advanced studies in engineering and business. He is currently Senior Vice President and Director of Business Development at HDR Engineering, Inc. based on Omaha, Nebraska.

**Leslie Karr** is a retired Environmental Engineer with 36 years of RDT&E experience with the Navy. She was most recently the Program Manager for the Navy's Environmental Research and Development program (NESDI) for five years. She now serves as a consultant to special projects for the Navy requiring innovative solutions. She has served on the AEHS Foundation Advisory Board for over 20 years

**John R. Mullin** is a Professor Emeritus of Urban Planning in the Department of Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning and Associate Director of the Center for Economic Development at the University of Massachusetts Amherst (UMass). Between September 2001 and August 2012 he served as Vice Chancellor/Vice Provost for Outreach and Dean of the Graduate School. His research interests focus upon industrial revitalization, port development, and downtown revitalization. Dr. Mullin has written or edited over 130 book chapters, book reviews, technical reports, journal articles, and conference proceedings. He is a Fulbright Scholar, charter member of the Fellows of the American Institute of Certified Planners, and the recipient of the Chancellor's Medal, the highest honor bestowed to faculty at UMass Amherst. He is a retired, federally recognized Brigadier General from the Army National Guard.