

# Southern Alliance for Clean Energy Annual Meeting Slate of Board of Directors September 5, 2014

## **BOARD MEMBERS RENEWING/SEEKING RE-ELECTION. TERM 2014 - 2016**

# GARY A. DAVIS, JD - Asheville, North Carolina

Gary A. Davis is an environmental attorney and consultant with 30 years of experience in environmental law, policy, and technology. He currently manages a public interest environmental law firm representing environmental organizations, community groups, and citizens throughout the Southeast in litigation involving environmental permits, violations of environmental regulations, environmental contamination, environmental impact statements, coal-fired power plant certificates of need, and land use. Previously, he was the Director of Environmental Policy for the Conservancy of Southwest Florida, a 40-year old regional environmental organization based in Naples, Florida, where he directed the Conservancy's advocacy efforts focused on estuaries and coastal watersheds protection, land use policy, wildlife habitat conservation, and Everglades restoration. His legal experience in the Southeast has spanned 25 years, beginning with his founding of an office of the Legal Environmental Assistance Foundation in Tennessee in 1983. His academic experience includes founding and directing an environmental research center at the University of Tennessee, called the Center for Clean Products and Clean Technologies, which he directed until 2002. He has also taught environmental law as an adjunct professor in the UT College of Law and taught environmental policy as a visiting professor in the International Institute for Industrial Environmental Economics at Lund University in Sweden. Mr. Davis was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Tennessee Environmental Council, a statewide coalition, in 1991. Mr. Davis also has government experience and worked as an environmental policy analyst in the California Governor's Office of Appropriate Technology in the early 1980s. Prior to attending law school, he worked as an environmental engineer with an environmental consulting firm that focused on pollution prevention in the chemical and pharmaceutical industries. He has been widely published and speaks nationally and internationally on environmental topics. Davis earned his law degree from the University of Tennessee and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in chemical engineering from the University of Cincinnati.

#### E. LEON JACOBS, JD – Tallahassee, Florida

E. Leon Jacobs, Jr., is co-owner of Williams & Jacobs, Attorneys at Law, LLC. Mr. Jacobs is an experienced consultant and attorney in Tallahassee, Florida, who brings more than

20 years of legal experience, and more than 30 years of experience in the public and private sectors. Mr. Jacobs has been deeply involved in the formation of public policy for most of his career, with a particular focus on the issues now driving the remarkable economic and social transformations under way in the global, information-based economy. Mr. Jacobs presently serves as a member of the Florida Elections Commission, and is a recent past Chairman and Chief Administrative Officer of the Florida Public Service Commission ("FPSC"), having served a four-year appointed term that ended in 2002. During his tenure with the FPSC, Mr. Jacobs also served on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), as well as Chair of NARUC's Consumer Affairs Committee and as Chair of NARUC's Y2K Ad-Hoc Task Force. Mr. Jacobs additionally served as President of the Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (an alliance of thirteen state regulatory agencies), and as Chair of the Energy Market Access Partnership Board (an alliance between NARUC and the U.S. Department of Energy fostering diversity in energy markets). Mr. Jacobs was appointed to serve on an advisory panel to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Small Water Systems Implementation Working Group (under the National Drinking Water Advisory Council), and was appointed to serve on a public/private effort under the Consumer's Energy Council of America to develop public policy on Distributed Generation technologies. Mr. Jacobs also testified before the U.S. Congress. Mr. Jacobs received a degree from Florida A&M University and a law degree from Florida State University College of Law.

# Z. CARTTER PATTEN – Chattanooga, Tennessee

Z. Cartter Patten, III is a founder, Principal, Chairman, and a Portfolio Manager of the firm Patten and Patten, Inc. Prior to the founding of Patten and Patten in 1976, he worked six years in the treasury department at Volunteer State Life Insurance Co. and six years as a self-employed investment adviser. Mr. Patten has long been active in the community serving on a number of corporate and civic boards. Currently, Mr. Patten is a member of Board of Directors Long Automotive Group and the Advisory Board of Brentwood Capital Advisers (Nashville). He is a Director of American Rivers (Washington, DC) and a member of the National Advisory Council of the Hermitage (Nashville, TN). Additionally, he serves on the Trust for Public Land Chattanooga Leadership Council and is a member and former officer for the Friends of Walker Pond (Brooksville, ME). Mr. Patten has served on the Board of Directors AmSouth Bancorporation (NYSE listed); Chubb Life America; as well as the Advisory Board for the McGill School for the Environment and American Rivers. Mr. Patten is a graduate of Princeton University (A.B., History, 1962) and the Baylor School.

# EDWARD PASSERINI, PhD - Merritt Island, Florida

Dr. Ed Passerini is Professor Emeritus of Humanities and the Environment at University of Alabama's New College. He is currently Vice President of the Board of Directors. Dr. Passserini is a widely published in the fields of literature and environmental advocacy. He is also proficient in the development and application of solar technology. In 1989, Dr. Passerini won the American Tour de Sol, a four-day race for solar powered cars. Dr.

Passerini is the former Director of the Alabama Environmental Council. He earned a BA from Harvard University; MA in Literature and History from Northeastern University; and a PhD in Literature and Art from University of Virginia.

## **CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS**

ELIZABETH SEIGENTHALER COURTNEY – Nashville, TN

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ENID E. SISSKIN, Ph.D. – Gulf Breeze, Florida

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