

Technology Advisory Committee Biographical Information

Susan Crawford is a law professor at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law at Yeshiva University (NYC) (<http://www.cardozo.yu.edu/>), teaching cyberlaw and writing about Internet policy issues. She is also a Policy Fellow with the Center for Democracy & Technology, working on copyright matters. She was formerly a partner with Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering in Washington, D.C., specializing in online policy issues (including ICANN, privacy, jurisdiction, security) for a variety of clients including Yahoo! and AOL.

Margaret M. Egan is principal of Egan-Infotects (<http://www.egan-infotects.com/>), a management consulting firm specializing in matching technologies to performance improvement. Since 1995, Egan-Infotects has been serving the nonprofit sector advising organizations on infrastructure issues involving technology and operations. Ms. Egan has been involved in the field of information technology since 1988 and often presents at conferences. She has lead seminars on online community building, collaborative learning, online research, grants management and innovations in technology. Ms. Egan co-founded the Grants Managers Network, an affinity group of the Council on Foundations, a national network with over 800 members. She is a member of other COF affinity groups such as the Technology Affinity Group and The Communications Network. Ms. Egan is also a member of the Alliance for Nonprofit Management, the New York Technical Assistance Providers Network, Women in Technology International, Nonprofit Technology Enterprise Network and the National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy.

Matt Hamilton is Vice President, Strategic Technology, for The Omidyar Foundation (<http://www.omidyar.org>), which focuses on communities and how they will best be empowered to fulfill their own aspirations. Matt guides investments that promote the development and use of information technology for communities and the nonprofit sector. He has twenty years of experience in the creation, deployment, and management of information and technical systems. Prior to joining The Foundation, Matt was founder and CEO of ThinkWave.com, dedicated to creating online interaction among parents, teachers and students in elementary and secondary schools. He also served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy as a nuclear submarine officer. Matt holds an MBA with honors from Stanford University.

Jamie Holtzclaw is a Grants Specialist for the Fannie Mae Foundation in Washington, D.C. She joined the Foundation in 1999 and currently manages grantmaking for the Foundation's Research, Policy, and National Programs. She also administers the grantmaking database (Gifts) for the Foundation, overseeing program upgrades, investigating new products, and ensuring data integrity. Prior to joining the Foundation, she managed grantmaking for the precollege science education and international research programs at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute in Maryland for nine years. Jamie serves on the Grants Managers Network (GMN) Board of Directors, is the chair of its Communications Committee, and is a member of the regional DC GMN and the DC Gifts Users Group.

Thomas Kriese is a Program Manager in Strategic Technology for The Omidyar Foundation (<http://www.omidyar.org>), which focuses on communities and how they will best be empowered to fulfill their own aspirations. Formerly the Director of the AOL Time Warner Foundation, he joined the Omidyar Foundation in August of 2003. Mr. Kriese has been active in online community building, education, and e-mentoring, and is a member of the TechFunders Collaborative.

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Jonathan Peizer is the current CTO of the Information Program at the Open Society Institute (OSI) (<http://www.soros.org/osi.html>). He is the developer and implementer of the Internet Program at OSI, and as it's first CIO, he was the creator of its internal IT policy and infrastructure. Mr. Peizer has two decades of experience working in both the for-profit and non-profit ICT sector at Citicorp, AFS, Cheyenne Software and OSI. He has experience on the ground in 75 countries. As a new media consultant, he assisted the Media Development Program to create the Center for Advanced Media in Prague. He also co-founded Aspiration, a Seattle NGO dedicated to assisting the implementation of mission critical software in the non-profit environment. Mr. Peizer has written a number of articles related to information and communication technology (ICT) for development, social venture ICT projects and the complex relationship between sectors trying to implement sustainable ICT initiatives designed to also achieve social objectives.

Joyce Raby works at the Legal Services Corporation (<http://www.lsc.gov>) as a Program Analyst on the Technology Initiative Grant program. Joyce works with 25 US states and territories, assisting them with the visioning, planning, and implementation of various technology projects ranging from basic day-to-day infrastructure to innovative delivery systems that help individuals represent themselves. Prior to coming to DC, she served as the statewide technology coordinator with Access to Justice at the Washington State Bar Association. Joyce worked with the LSC and non-LSC funded programs across the state to implement a variety of technology projects. Joyce's background prior to legal services includes technology positions in construction, engineering, consulting, and even a stint teaching undergraduate computing classes at the University of Texas-Medical Branch.

Ari Schwartz is an Associate Director of the Center for Democracy and Technology (CDT) (<http://www.cdt.org>). Ari's work focuses on defending and building privacy protections in the digital age by advocating for increased individual control over personal information. He also works on expanding access to government information via the Internet and online advocacy and civil society. Ari is a leading expert on the issue of privacy on government Web sites and has testified before Congress and Executive Branch Agencies on the issue. Ari was named to the 2003's Federal 100 -- the top executives from government, industry and academia who had the greatest impact on the government information systems community over the past year. He is the Chair of the World Wide Web Consortium's Platform for Privacy Practices (P3P) Policy and Outreach Working Group - the leading standards setting body for Web technologies - and Co-Chair of the Congressional Internet Caucus Advisory Committee Task Force on E-Government. Ari is also on the steering committee of the Computers, Freedom and Privacy Conference and is a past Chair of the Conference. Prior to working at CDT, Ari worked at OMB Watch researching and analyzing the nonprofit sector's engagement in technology, government performance, access to government information, and government information technology policy.

Staff:

Allison Fine, Innovation Network's Executive Director, founded Innovation Network, Inc., in Washington, DC, as a 501(c)(3) organization in 1992. Since incorporation, Ms. Fine has personally worked with hundreds of nonprofits and foundations. During her time at Innovation Network, she has raised over \$5 million to support the organization. Ms. Fine is also currently the president of the Second Act Foundation. She has served as a member of the Technology Affinity Group for the Council on Foundations, and of the Evaluation Committee for the National Initiative to Promote Growth in Philanthropy sponsored by the Council on Foundations and managed by the Forum of the Regional Association of Grantmakers. Ms. Fine has a Masters Degree in public administration from New York University and a Bachelor of Arts in political science and history from Vanderbilt University. She has been published in the Chronicle of Philanthropy, the NIDR Forum, and Foundation News and Commentary, and has co-authored studies for the Aspen Institute Nonprofit Sector Research Fund, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and the David and Lucile Packard Foundation.

Piers Bocock, Innovation Network's Director of Technology Development, is a seasoned technology, communications, and marketing manager with more than 10 years of experience helping nonprofits, government agencies, and small companies as an employee, a consultant, and an entrepreneur. As Director of Technology Development for Innovation Network, Mr. Bocock has been charged with creating a technology department that will leverage the organization's experience in creating online evaluation tools into a technology leadership role for the organization in the nonprofit world. Prior to joining Innovation Network, Mr. Bocock was a principal with BCG, LLC, a consulting group that served organizations and associations in the nonprofit and philanthropic fields. His work focused on three areas: technology planning, business planning, and feature writing. Prior to BCG, Mr. Bocock served as the Chief Executive officer of Stratecomm, LLC, an Internet design and consulting company he helped found in February 1999. Mr. Bocock earned his Bachelor's degree in Communications from McGill University in Montreal and his MBA in International Business from Georgetown University.

Simone Parrish, Innovation Network's Knowledge Manager, discovered her vocation for database design and management in June of 1999, during her 9-year career as a legal assistant in the field of telecommunications law. She joined Innovation Network in September 2001, and became the Knowledge Manager in the fall of 2003. She has been instrumental in the development of several Innovation Network technology products, including a customized Workstation for a foundation client, two rounds of website redesign, and the new Workstation 2.0. She is the interim webmaster, answering web user questions, managing content, tracking bugs, and acting as Innovation Network's liaison with our web development partners. Ms. Parrish holds a Bachelor's Degree in Medieval Languages and Literatures from Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut.