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Eric has combined savvy awareness of marketing and the hospitality industry with an innate ability to provide clients with the reassurance, attention to detail and service that keeps them coming back. His specialty in sales and marketing have enabled him to own his own consulting firm to help companies market their product and sell their services.

Troy Conklin - Vice President

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A leader in the Food & Beverage industry, with the last 10 years specializing in Wine & Spirits. Experienced in both Wholesale Distributor Management as well as National/Global Account Development. Please follow this link to visit my public LinkedIn site to get a better perspective of my expertise and experience. <http://www.linkedin.com/in/troyconklin2network>

Joseph Mahoney, CPCE – Secretary

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Joe has been the Managing Partner for HospitalityStaff® since August of 2003. Along with his extensive catering background, Joe has a wide range of knowledge of staffing and Human Resources.

Don Ball, CPCE – Treasurer

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Don is the Director of Food and Beverage at the Washington Duke Inn & Golf Club, located on the campus of Duke University and revered for its exceptional service and gracious southern hospitality. In addition to NACE, Don is an active member of Chaîne des Rotisseurs, ISES, AIWF, and various community non-profit organizations. Don has served on our national board in the capacity of Vice President for Membership, as well as CPC Vice Chair and President of the Triangle Chapter.

Gary Baumann - Trustee

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Gary has been a NACE member since 1992 and is one of the founding members of the Houston Chapter. He prides himself on Longevity and History with the organization, Leadership and presentation capabilities, Support for the organization and what it stands for in our industry.

Kevin Brant, CPCE – Trustee

Kevin is the Director of Sales for Wolfgang Puck Catering in downtown Dallas. Kevin speaks to groups and associations on a wide range of topics including sales and marketing, personality profiles, strategic planning and relationship building. Kevin also assists with many NACE Chapter installation ceremonies.

Lauren Burkitt – Scholarship Holder

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Lauren is currently a Junior at Purdue University majoring in Hospitality and Tourism Management. She has both worked and had internships with Elizabeth Wray Design, a floral company; Royal Fox Country Club; and The Vail Marriott Mountain Resort and Spa, working as the Packages Coordinator and Reservations Agent. She was the 2009 NACE Vince Definis Scholarship recipient and has been serving on the board with NACE since July 2009.

Kevin Dana – Trustee

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Kevin is the Director of Marketing and Product Development for CORT Trade Show and Event Furnishings, the nationwide leader in specialty furniture rental for the event industry. He's a leader in marketing to the events industry across various channels including print, online and social media. He currently serves as a board member on the National Association of Catering Executives Foundation and is an active member in MPI, ISES and NACE.

Jo C. Dermid, CPCE – Trustee

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A member of NACE for over twenty years, Jo is sought after as a speaker by NACE, ISES, AIFD and MPI. She has appeared at numerous local and national conferences for these organizations and has conducted workshops, seminars, and panel discussions for them. In addition she is known as a speaker on motivational and educational topics relevant to the Hospitality Industry.

David Rand – Trustee

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David has conducted many educational seminars and motivational sessions throughout the country on such topics as The Art of Event Design, Catering 101, Catering Design Trends, and Business, Dining and Professional Etiquette. He has been teaching Business, Dining and Professional Etiquette at Northeastern University and for NACE and other major corporations such as Ernst and Young for over 8 years.

Marc Summers – Trustee

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Walk down any street in America with TV host Marc Summers and you'll discover that daytime viewers of all ages will stop to say hello. Nighttime viewers will recognize him from his famous appearance with Burt Reynolds on The Tonight Show, and his guest appearances on Politically Incorrect. Marc has also appeared on numerous morning and talk shows including Oprah, The View and The Today Show. Marc also serves as executive producer of Food Network's popular primetime show Dinner: Impossible and assorted specials.

Greg Casella – NACE National President

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Greg Casella has been in the catering industry since 1989 and started Catered Too in 1992, in that time it has become one of the premier catering companies in Silicon Valley specializing in large special events. In addition to catering he operates three café's and along with the cafes has started an express catering service, Café Too.