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Grant Professionals Association Nebraska Chapter Board of Directors



PRESIDENT

Kevin Mahler has been a member of GPA since 2018 and joined the Nebraska Chapter board in 2021. Kevin has over 15 years of experience in nonprofit fundraising and grant writing. Kevin is the owner and president of the Omaha-based fundraising consultancy, Contributed Line, LLC, which serves nonprofit organizations in Nebraska and beyond.



VICE PRESIDENT

Maya Mocarski has been a member of GPA since 2023 and joined the Nebraska Chapter board in 2024. She is currently a Grant Writer at Immigrant Legal Center + Refugee Empowerment Center (ILC+REC), which offers high-quality pro bono legal, resettlement, and social work services. In her role at ILC+REC, Maya utilizes her skills in writing for specifically vulnerable populations with unique, multiservice needs and experience of being a first-generation American herself.



SECRETARY

Glenda Wood became involved with the GPA in 2024, and recently joined the board of the Nebraska Chapter. She is the Contract and Grant Coordinator for Heartland Family Service, having joined the Agency in 2023. Glenda has over 10 years of grant management experience through various positions within non-profit and government sectors.



TREASURER

Noelle Thornburg Hoefft currently serves as Treasurer of GPA's Nebraska Chapter, which she joined in 2018. She has served on the Board since 2019. Noelle currently works as the Contracts and Grants Manager at NCHS (Nebraska Children's Home Society, Inc.) and previously worked as a member of the Grants Team at Heartland Family Service. Having worked in nonprofit fundraising since 2017, she brings over a decade of professional writing and editing experience from the private and nonprofit sectors to her role as a Grant Professional.

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Kellen Summers (he/him) is a Contract and Grant Specialist for Heartland Family Service (HFS) and serves on the HFS Family First Employee Resource Group. He joined HFS in 2024, previously having worked in the service industry. Kellen joined the Nebraska Chapter of the GPA in 2024 and was elected to serve as a Board Member in 2025.



Michael P. Brown, Jr. (he/him) began his career working in the City of Philadelphia’s Office of Arts, Culture, and Creative Economy while earning his MA from Drexel University. After moving to Cincinnati, he became Grants Manager for the Contemporary Arts Center and then Foundations and Grants Manager for Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park. He is currently working as a freelance grant writer and living in Omaha, NE. Michael joined the Nebraska Chapter Board in 2020.



Jane Howard, MA, GPC, (she/her) is the Contract and Grant Director for Heartland Family Service (HFS), and serves on the HFS HeartWorks Council, supporting Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Belonging (DEIB), Trauma-Informed Care, Mentoring, and Mindfulness initiatives. She joined HFS in 2005 after spending time in the financial services industry and academia. Jane is currently the Nebraska Chapter President and serves on the GPA Governance Committee. She is also a past Chair of the Ethics Committee. She has been a Nebraska Chapter and Board member since 2007.



Erin Mockler works with Fox Creek Fundraising, where she has helped secure more than \$8 million in private foundation and federal funding for organizations in Omaha, Lincoln, and rural Nebraska. She specializes in federal grant development, rural and tribal partnerships, and funding strategies that advance women and gender-equity initiatives. Erin has been a GPA Nebraska member since 2022 and looks forward to listening thoughtfully, responding to members’ professional needs, and strengthening a collaborative, inclusive chapter.

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Linda Santi has worked for the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska's Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System (WCHS) since September 2019. Under Linda's leadership, a Winnebago Health Foundation has been created to increase philanthropic opportunities beyond grants. Linda enjoys learning about the Winnebago community as well as being active in the greater Siouxland region. She is an on-air announcer for local NPR affiliate Siouxland Public Media on weekends and is involved with the local NAACP Branch, the NW Iowa Group Sierra Club, the League of Women Voters, and art activities.



Andrea Stolpe, GPC, (she/her) has been a GPA member since 2015 and in 2023 joined the Nebraska GPA Chapter Board. Andrea earned her Grant Professional Certified (GPC) credential in 2020. She serves as a GPC Ambassador, promoting and supporting her peers who are working towards earning their GPC credential. She has 10 years of grant writing experience and currently works at Father Flanagan's Boys' Home (Boys Town) as a Senior Grant Writer. She also has 11 years of nonprofit experience providing direct services and program coordination with a variety of vulnerable populations. To support nonprofits nationwide, Andrea serves as a volunteer Peer Reviewer for the Council on Accreditation.