



Elizabeth A. Best: April 2011 – April 2015 (Chair)

Elizabeth A. Best graduated in 1981 from the University of Montana Law School and practices in Great Falls, Montana, with her husband, Mike. She represents clients before the state agencies, in State and Federal Courts. After law school, she served in the U.S. Army JAGC, providing legal assistance to soldiers, prosecuting, teaching the law of war under the Geneva Convention and acting as liaison with German prosecutors. Upon return to Montana, she clerked for U.S. District Judge Paul Hatfield and then entered private practice. Elizabeth is a past president of the Montana Trial Lawyers Association and served on the MTLA Board of Directors from 1995 through November 2011. She is a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates and American Association for Justice. Ms. Best serves on the Montana Supreme Court Commission on Rules of Evidence as well as the Montana Supreme Court Commission on Civil and Appellate Procedure. Best also serves on the U.S. District Court Montana Local Rules Committee. In 2008, she was named MTLA Trial Lawyer of the Year.



Joe Brenneman: April 2011 – April 2015

Born and raised in the Flathead Valley, **Joe Brenneman** is a fourth-generation farmer who graduated from Flathead High School in 1976 and graduated with a BA in education in 1981 from Goshen College in Goshen, Indiana. He taught school for two years in Pennsylvania, and then accepted an offer to buy into the family dairy farm. He served a six-year term as Flathead County Commissioner from 2005-2011 and is an EMT/firefighter with Creston Rural Fire Department. Mr. Brenneman also worked for five years as a ski patroller at Blacktail Mountain in Lakeside, MT and has served on the local Cenex Harvest States Board and the Western Dairy Promotion Association Board in Denver. He has four children: daughters Rose and Erin and sons Jesse and Ian. Mr. Brenneman is married to Nancy Pensa, a teacher in Kalispell. His interests include hiking, skiing, reading, travel and good coffee.



Wayne Dykstra: April 2011– April 2015

A fourth-generation Montanan, **Wayne Dykstra** was raised in Havre and attended the University of Montana. He is an honorably discharged Vietnam era veteran, serving four years as a Naval Intelligence Officer. He has been the President of Liquid Engineering Corporation, a nation-wide licensed engineering and marine construction company, for over 20 years. He is the Managing Partner of ARC3 Corporation, a multi-national security consulting and tactical training firm currently involved in the homeland security mission. Previously, he was a certified Arizona Paramedic and maintained a teaching certificate in emergency medicine. He is a licensed commercial airplane and glider pilot.



Bruce Mihelish: August 2013 – April 2017

Bruce Mihelish was appointed to the Montana State Fund Board of Directors by Governor Bullock in 2013. He is a proud Montana native, raised in Helena and a graduate of Montana State University with a degree in business. He has a diversified 35-year business career in insurance, property management, business consulting, retail and banking. He was a business leader of over 400 employees as president and CEO of Western State Insurance. He is growth oriented and a Montana-centered individual who has an extreme passion for Montana history and a strong desire to serve Montana and its people. He currently serves as a board member for Valley Bank of Helena, Travelers Rest Preservation and Heritage Association and Montana Unified School Trust Advisory

Board. He is married to Pamela Hilger, a fourth generation ranch girl from Dearborn Country. They have raised three daughters; all college graduates and now gainfully employed in Montana. They keep a place in Helena but have settled on their horse ranch in the Bitterroot Valley near Lolo where family, friends, horses, dogs, mountains and rivers are all close at hand.



Richard Miltenberger: August 2013 – April 2017

Richard Miltenberger was appointed to the Montana State Fund Board of Directors by Governor Bullock. He received a degree in History and Political Science from Southern Methodist University in 1981 and went on to pursue a successful and varied career in health insurance plan consultation. In 1985 he was awarded the “Certified Employee Benefits Specialist” designation by the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania. He began his career in Louisiana, at a third party administrative firm; after several years in Chicago he accepted a position as Vice President with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana, eventually joining Mountain West Benefits as a partner in the fall of 2006. He founded Montana Health Cooperative with his business partner, Jim Edwards,

in 2010. Richard resides in Clancy with his wife, Katrina.



Lynda Moss: August 2013 – April 2017

Appointed by Governor Bullock in August of 2013, **Lynda Moss** recently established Moss Consulting, a firm that provides strategic planning for non-profit organizations. She was the Executive Director of the Foundation for Community Vitality until 2011 and prior to that Executive Director at the Western Heritage Center. She served two terms in the Montana State Senate for District 26 from 2005 – 2012 and during the 2007 session was elected as Majority Whip. Currently, Ms. Moss serves on the governing boards of the Friends of Montana Public Broadcasting, Montana Conservation Corps, Billings Housing Authority, the Absaroka Beartooth Wilderness Foundation and the Northwest Area

Foundation Board. Her academic background is in fine art and she received a Master of Fine Arts degree from Montana State University.



Lance Zanto: August 2013 – April 2017

Originally appointed to the MSF Board in April 2005 by Governor Schweitzer and serving until 2007, **Lance Zanto** was reappointed by Governor Bullock in August 2013. He currently works for the Health Care and Benefits Division for the Montana Department of Administration. He grew up in Helena and attended Helena High School later graduating from the University of Montana with a Bachelor's in Finance and Economics in 1989. From 1990 to 1996 he was a claims adjuster with Montana State Fund, leaving to take a position with the Department of Transportation as their Safety and Loss Control Manager, and then moved to the Department of Administration to take a position as a state Risk Manager. He then went to Mergenthaler Transfer and Storage serving as their Vice President for seven years. Lance returned to Montana State Government serving in his current position. Lance was appointed to the Labor Management Advisory Council representing management in discussions centered on improvements to the workers' compensation system in Montana. He also serves on the board of directors for the Montana University Systems workers' compensation program and is one of the founding board members of the WorkSafeMT program helping to improve safety for Montana employers. Lance has been married to his wife Lynn (Antonietti) for 24 years and has two daughters. Shae, a graduate of Montana Tech and an engineer in Helena and Leigh, a senior at Western Montana College in Dillon studying elementary education.