

# SRS Heritage Foundation

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## Board of Directors Bio-sketches

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### Patricia M. Allen

Patricia is the Environmental, Safety & Health and Quality Assurance and Contractor Assurance Director for Savannah River Remediation, LLC (SRR). In addition to her SRR position, she is Environmental, Safety and Health Director for the Global Management & Operations Services (GMOS) of URS, the parent company of SRR.

Ms. Allen has more than 25 years of experience in the fields of nuclear operations support, engineering and technical management. She graduated from the University of Louisville with a B.S. and M.S in Chemical Engineering. She is a member of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers and the American Society of Safety Engineers.

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### Carol Barry

Carol Barry is the Director of Workforce Services for Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS). In this capacity, she is responsible for SRNS workforce services including benefits, compensation, staffing, labor relations, talent development and education outreach and EEO/diversity.

Ms Barry has over 30 years of experience in the human resources (HR) and workforce services fields.

In her current position, Ms Barry manages a staff of 58 employees who provide services in workforce management, development, benefits, staffing and retention, labor relations, employee records, HR policies and procedures, EEO/diversity, and others. She has worked at SRS for 25 years in a variety of positions of increasing responsibility within HR and Workforce Services.

Prior to coming to SRS, Ms Barry served as director of non-certified personnel, compensation and benefits for the Greensboro, N.C., City Schools. She has also served as assistant to the personnel director at the Medical College of Georgia.

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### **J. Walter Joseph - Executive Director**

Walt was employed for 39 years at the Savannah River Site in a variety of technical and management positions for E.I DuPont and the Westinghouse Savannah River Co. He is a graduate Mechanical Engineer with a BE degree from North Carolina State College and a MS from the Pennsylvania State University. He served as an officer in the US Army Ordnance Corps in Korea during the conflict.

Walt's initial assignments at SRS were in the Savannah River Laboratory doing research and development on reactor hydraulics and heat transfer and irradiation effects of structural materials. He transferred to the Savannah River Plant for varied assignments including managing the Traffic and Transportation Department, the L-Reactor restart project, and Site Quality. Walt is an enthusiastic historian, a long-time member of the Aiken County Historical Commission, and a life member of the Archaeological Society of South Carolina.

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### **Alana Faye Lewis**

Alana Faye Lewis is a Collections Management Librarian/Instructor for Paine College Collins-Callaway Library and Archives. Prior to this position, she was a part-time Media Specialist for a year in the Richmond County Public School System, after a long career in private industry. She began working in private industry at Southern Bell, Athens, GA, in high school, and continued working at Southern Bell in Augusta, GA, while pursuing a college degree.

Mrs. Lewis received her MS in Library Services from the Atlanta University (now Clark Atlanta University), in Atlanta, GA., and a BS degree in Biology from Paine College in Augusta, GA. After completing an internship at the Technical Library in the Savannah River Laboratory (SRL) of the E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company (Du Pont), Savannah River Site (SRS), Mrs.

Lewis' professional career began and concluded with 29 years of experience at the SRS. She held positions beginning as a librarian in SRL, and ultimately as a Scientific and Technical Information Analyst in the Savannah River National Laboratory's (SRNL) Technical Library. Mrs. Lewis also held a position as an Archival Records Analyst, which included duties as a Derivative Classifier of documents in the Records Department for Du Pont, and the Westinghouse Savannah River Company (WRSC), respectively, at SRS, in Aiken, South Carolina.

She serves on the Publicity Subcommittee of the Paine College Quality Enhancement Plan Committee, as well as assists in fund-raising for the Augusta Chapter of the Paine College Alumni Association.

Mrs. Lewis is a member of the American Library Association (ALA), Georgia Library Association (GLA), Society of Georgia Archivists (SGA), and the Central Savannah River Area Library Association (CSRALA).

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### **Anna G. Loadholt - Vice-Chair**

Ann was born in Ellenton, South Carolina, lives in Barnwell, and is very active in church, historical, and civic affairs.

She received a BA in Business Education from the University of South Carolina and taught for 15 years in public schools in Columbia, Barnwell, and Blackville. She was Chairperson of the Barnwell County Council in 1996 and the SRS Citizen's Advisory Board from 1997-2000. She is a life member of the University of South Carolina Alumni Board and a member of Magna Charta Dames, Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Bluffton Historical Association. She was named Woman of the Year by the Barnwell Chamber of Commerce in 1992.

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### **Dr. Deidre M. Martin**

Dr. Deidre Martin is the Vice Chancellor for University Advancement at the University of South Carolina Aiken. In this role, she oversees the marketing, web development, continuing education, alumni relations, and fundraising efforts of the campus. She joined the staff of USC Aiken in 1988 and also serves as an adjunct professor in the Department of Communications and as advisor for the Circle K student organization.

Dr. Martin is actively involved in the community as a member of the American Association of University Women, Greater Aiken Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis Club, Association of Fundraising Professionals, Media Women of South Carolina and First Baptist Church. She was awarded her bachelor's degree from Berry College, her master's degree from Georgia State University and her doctoral degree from the University of South Carolina.

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## **Joe Ortaldo - Chairman**

Mr. Ortaldo has a BS and MS in Chemical Engineering and 42 years of experience in chemical and nuclear industries. He spent 24 years at SRS before retiring in 2004. He has been a member of the SRS Citizens Advisory Board and the Health Effects Subcommittee of the Centers for Disease Control.

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## **Karen Patterson**

Ms. Patterson worked at SREL for 15 years. Since leaving SREL she has worked as an environmental consultant on projects supporting WSRC, SRNL and DOE. She served on the Citizens Advisory Board for 10 years and is a member of the CNTA Board of Directors and the SC Governor's Nuclear Advisory Council.

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## **Bettis C. Rainsford**

Bettis is a well-known businessman and developer in Edgefield with an abiding interest in local and South Carolina history.

He is a graduate of Harvard University and the University of South Carolina Law School. He has organized and developed numerous businesses including an 81-bed nursing home, several newspapers, and cotton mills in four states and Costa Rica. Bettis is active in the Edgefield County Historical Society and the Executive Council of the South Carolina Society and has served as President of the South Carolina Historical Society. The University of South Carolina Aiken presented Bettis with an honorary degree of Doctor of Business Administration in 1993.

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## **R. Lee Smith**

Lee became President/CEO of the Community Foundation for the Central Savannah River Area in 1998 after 37 years in entrepreneurial activities.

He received a BS degree in Marketing from the University of South Carolina and began working at Martin Marietta Aggregates in Savannah. From 1968 to 1993, he was an officer and partner in Southern Roadbuilders, Inc., an Augusta-based paving company which was sold to the APAC Division of Ashland Oil Co. in 1988. Lee retired from APAC and opened and expedited freight business in Memphis which he sold in 1997. He is a life member of the Augusta Museum of History and the Richmond County Historical Society, serves on numerous boards, and is an avid hunter and fisherman.

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## **Kent Sullivan**

Mr. Sullivan graduated from Auburn University and was a cooperative education student at SRS prior to full-time employment in 1973. He retired in 2005 and is now a Senior Associate with Longnecker & Associates. He has served as a City Councilman in North Augusta and currently is Membership Chairman of the SRS Retirees Association and Vice Chairman of the SRP Federal Credit Union.

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## **J. Chris Verenes - Treasurer**

Chris became President of Security Federal Bank and its subsidiaries after being employed for 15 years with Washington Group International.

He received BS and MS degrees in Marketing from the University of South Carolina. He was employed at the Savannah River Site and was with Washington Group in various capacities, including Chief of Staff to the President and Chief Executive Officer. He has broad experience in the banking industry. Chris has served on the South Carolina and Aiken County Boards of Education and the University of South Carolina Aiken Partnership Board. He is a past Chairman of the Greater Aiken Chamber of Commerce and has been named Aiken County Man of the Year by the Jaycees.

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## **Bruce Wilson**

Mr. Wilson retired as Deputy Manager of the SRS Office of National Security Administration after 35 years of federal service at SRS with the Atomic Energy Commission, Energy Research & Development Administration, the Department of Energy and NNSA.

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