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## **Election of Members of the PNHP WW Board of Directors**

**Seth Armstrong** was a Washington State legislator from 1981 to 1989, served on the Health and Social Services Committee and as chair of Judiciary. He has known and worked with Bill Hagens, legislative analyst who drafted the Basic Health plan for Washington and passed the child support laws.

**Paul Bigman** is the Business Representative for Local 15 of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees AFL-CIO (IATSE), and a member of the national Steering Committee of the Labor Campaign for Single Payer Healthcare. A full-time union organizer and representative for 27 years, Paul has been active in the labor movement for about 40 years, working with a broad range of unions throughout the country. He has been a social justice activist his whole life, and has worked for single-payer health care on and off since the 1980's.

**Dr. Mindy Blaski** retired one year ago after 30 years in Family Medicine, though she is still working periodically as a locum tenens. Since retirement, she has had more time to work for Single Payer with PNHP and was able to travel to the (inspiring and informative) PNHP Annual Meeting in Washington DC for the 1st time since she joined PNHP in 1988. For the winter she is staying in Tucson where she is hiking and bicycling and hopes to connect with other PNHP members in Tucson.

**Dana Iorio** is a Family Nurse Practitioner currently practicing primary care at Harborview Medical Center. He has been involved in pursuing national health insurance since the 1970s and has been a member of PNHP since 1993. He currently serves on the legislative committee of PNHP WW.

**George M. Martin** is a UW graduate (BS 1949, MD 1953) and Board Certified Anatomical Pathologist with postdoctoral training in molecular biology and genetics (full CV available via <http://www.pathology.washington.edu/research/labs/Martin/>). He has been on the faculties of Pathology and Genetics (now Genome Sciences) since 1957 but discovered PNHP and PNHPWW only a few years ago, when he helped to sponsor a symposium on “Health and Health Care in Washington State: The Role of Science” at the first annual meeting of the Washington State Academy of Sciences. His plans for the future include the development of a” Health Care Reform Club” at UW to include representative students and faculty from multiple schools and departments on our campus.

**David McLanahan** is a retired surgeon who worked at Pacific Medical Clinics for 25 years and volunteered at the Country Doctor and International District Community Health Clinics for 25 years. In 2005, he co-founded the PNHP Western Washington Chapter, is the chapter Coordinator and Advisor to the National Board.

**Don Mitchell** is a physician who retired from the private practice of internal medicine in 2000. He joined PNHP in 2006 and has been president of the PNHP Western Washington chapter since 2008.

**Kathleen Myers** - is a retired dentist who moved from health economics into twenty-five years of her own private practice, from which she retired in 2005. She is a diehard proponent of public goods in general and national health care in particular.

**Les Pittle** is an internist who works for the Qliance Medical Group in Kent after 28 years working at Pike Market Clinic in Seattle. He has an MPH in Health Services from UW. His interest in PNHP stems from his years of seeing the barriers to health care access at Pike. He has been on PNHP-WW since its inception.

**Kathleen Randall** – works at Overlake Hospital helping staff and patients on health insurance and billing concerns. She is a longtime supporter of single payer and advocate for justice in health care.

**Martha (Marti) Schmidt** earned a J.D. from University of Wisconsin Law School and a Master of Laws from the University of Washington. She is a sole practitioner who represents employees in employment/ labor law matters and uses mediation, collaborative law, conflict coaching and training to promote resolution of workplace conflicts. She also consults on international human rights law. She has been a visiting professor at The Evergreen State College and adjunct lecturer at UW-Bothell and UW-Tacoma, teaching political economy, international law of human rights, international relations, women and the global economy, labor studies, and law and policy. She has also worked as an organizer in labor unions, community organizations and political campaigns and was the director of a nuclear disarmament organization.

**Nancy H. Spaeth** is a nurse who has worked in internal medicine, pediatrics, nephrology/urology, Labor and Industries with the "Early Return To Work" program, and Physical Medicine and Rehab. She is partially retired and is currently working per diem in pediatrics and substituting for the Mercer Island School District as a nurse and a teacher. She also speaks nationally about kidney disease. She joined PNHP in 2007 and was elected to the board 3 years ago.

**Jim Squire** is a semi-retired physician now practicing addiction medicine, previously did Family Practice and Pediatrics. Joined PNHP in 2009, and currently chairs the Outreach Committee of PNHPWW. Also member of United for Single Payer.

**Christopher Toal**, MPA, has worked as a coal miner, welder, legislative aide, nonprofit executive director, state Democratic Party executive director and grants/consulting specialist. He has over 23 years of experience in politics, lobbying, communications, publications and nonprofit development. Chris has written grants to state, federal, corporate and foundation sources that secured millions of dollars for nonprofit and tribal health and social services programs. His background also includes extensive fundraising and political campaign management. He has a BA in Psychology from the University of Alaska-Anchorage, a Master of Public Administration degree from the Evergreen State College where he focused on health care

policy. Chris currently works as a Planner for the Puyallup Tribe and serves on the boards of Physicians for a National Health Program/Western Washington and the Washington Health Security Coalition.

**Sarah K. Weinberg**—is a retired pediatrician who has long been involved in advocacy for reform of the health care financing system in the U.S. She has been involved with Health Care for All - Washington since 1998 when she joined in the work of drafting the Washington Health Security Trust (WHST) legislation that was first introduced as Initiative 725 in February 2000. She edit's HCFA-WA's newsletter. Sherry is Treasurer of PNHPWW and recipient of PNHPWW's 2010 "John Geyman Health Justice Advocate Award."

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**Election of PNHP WW Board Members — Ballot**

Below are the nominated candidates.  
Current Board members are indicated by “\*”.

Seth Armstrong

Paul Bigman

Mindy Blaski\*

Dana Iorio\*

George Martin

David McLanahan\*

Donald Mitchell\*

Kathleen Myers\*

Les Pittle\*

Kathleen Randall\*

Marti Schmidt

Nancy Spaeth\*

Jim Squire\*

Chris Toal\*

Sarah K. Weinberg\*