

## Meet the 2013 Board of Advisors Team

### **Sam Wexler**

**Region 1 (CT, MA, ME, NH, NY, RI, VT)**



Sam became involved with computers and technology more than a half century ago when he programmed the IBM 650 at Watson Lab, Columbia University in 1958. He retired from IBM in 1993 after 30 years; half as a lab "techie" and the other half in headquarters. Sam has been associated with Computer & Technology User Groups for more than 25 years. Before there were user groups, there was GUIDE which is an association of IBM mainframe users and during some of his time at IBM Sam was a GUIDE rep. He is a charter member of the IEEE and was also a member of the two groups who merged to form the IEEE.

He has been President of the Valencia Falls Computer & Technology Club in Delray Beach, FL since it was created in 2002, APCUG Advisor for Region 1 since 2007 and President of the FACUG (Florida Association of Computer User Groups). Sam has had the lead in seven land and sea-based technology conferences during the past six years and regularly presents to business/entrepreneur as well as computer & technology groups. He divides his time between Poughkeepsie, NY and Delray Beach, FL.

### **Gabe Goldberg**

**Region 2 (DC, DE, MD, NJ, VA)**



Gabe is a technology writer, editor, and consultant targeting audiences from consumers to computer professionals. He edited and wrote an IBM technology magazine and contributes to publications and Web sites such as Destination z, z/Journal, Mainframe Executive, the Washington Post, and Slickdeals.net. He's written for EEI Communications' Editorial Eye newsletter, Computer Economics' newsletter, and many other trade publications.

He worked for a small software company as VP of Technology and Business Development, responsible for product planning, evolution, and development, along with documentation and customer support.

He also worked in the leading-edge data center of a not-for-profit federally chartered consulting organization where he developed widely used software tools aiding other installations' mainframe use; before that he designed and developed operating systems at IBM.

Gabe shared responsibility for AARP's online Computers and Technology Web site and forums; before that, he co-hosted America Online's advanced Internet forum.

He supports many national and local user groups. He served as Director of (Meeting) Programs for Washington, DC-area Capital PC User Group, one of the oldest and largest PC user groups in the United States, in which he organized and chaired the Internet SIG (special interest group). He served on the User Support Team for CPCUG's domain, cpcug.org, and on CPCUG's Board Of Directors. He was a founding member and director of several local user groups, and held management jobs in a major national IBM user group. He has given hundreds of presentations to these and other groups and conferences. He has facilitated and helped exploit donations of commercial hardware and software to user groups.

Gabe evangelizes for user groups, believing that user groups are an antidote to feeling alone with technical activities, challenges, problems, and triumphs. He's enjoyed being APCUG Region 2 Advisor for many years.

### **Region 3, Vice Chair Bob Vance (OH, PA, WV)**



Although Bob now lives in Ohio and is a member of the Licking County Computer Society, he was previously a member of the SouthWest International Personal Computer Club (SWIPCC) in Texas from 1995 to 2008. While at SWIPCC he was a monthly contributor to a segment of the newsletter called Bob's Links. He also served as the Vice President for approximately 5 1/5 years and was acting President for a 6-month period. He also served as

APCUG Representative for SWIPCC for approximately 5 years and is currently the APCUG Representative for the Licking County Computer Society (LCCS). Additionally Bob is a member of the Bristol Village Computer Club and has just recently joined NASAC in Xenia, Ohio. Bob is also a member of the Buckeye Mac Group.

Bob has served as chair or co-chair of the past three APCUG conferences held in Ohio as well as vice chair for the Board of Advisors. He is currently working with the Dayton Microcomputer Association and NASAC Xenia as co-hosts along with APCUG of the next APCUG Regional Conference to be held in September of 2013.

### **Annette Macioce Region 4 (AL, GA, MS, NC, SC, TN)**



Annette is a member of the CPUUsers group in Tarentum, PA. She is the librarian, a member-at-large, and manages the sign-in table, keeping tabs on who's there and such. She also volunteers on a regular basis for anything the group may need help with. Annette is an avid MAC user although she can still find her way around a PC! Annette attended the Allegheny Valley Institute of Technology where she earned her A+

Certification. When it comes to her Mac, she's self-taught. Annette is also a member of the New Ken Camera Club.

**Judy Taylour, Chair  
Region 5 (Florida)**



Judy is a 25-year member of the Santa Clarita Valley Computer Club where she serves as President, Editor and Webmaster. She is also co-facilitator for the Southern California Regional User Group Summit (SCRUGS), a group of 20+ computer clubs in Southern California who have gotten together quarterly for over 15 years to share ideas and presenter information, solve problems, etc. Judy is also Chair of the Southwest Technology & Computer Conference held annually in San Diego....2013 is the 20th conference and will be held in the Los Angeles area. She has taught adult education computer classes for 19 years through her local high school district and is a member of the Pierce College Computer Applications and Office Technologies Advisory Committee that meets annually to suggest courses for the next school year.

She gives at least two or three presentations to user groups each month. Her APCUG responsibilities include chair of the Board of Advisors, PUSH and Benefits committees.

**Greg West  
Region 6 (KY, IL, IN, MI)  
International (Australia & Canada)**



Greg serves as Vice President and APCUG Rep for the Sarnia Computer Users' Group in Canada. He was also the editor of an APCUG award-winning newsletter. Sarnia has a sister user group, COMP (Computer Operators of Port Huron in Michigan). Greg has worked with COMP helping teach people how to operate their PCs. He also helped COMP rebuild computers for the blind when they won the APCUG Jerry Award. Greg created promotional videos on this project for COMP. He has been a book reviewer for O'Reilly Media for the past seven years and has written a monthly tech column for a local newspaper for the past ten years. Greg created two free computer centers in the community. One has 30 PCs and is now run by church volunteers and the president of the Sarnia group. Another church gives him a room for a free tech workshop. He maintains a free website (alternatcloud.com) to assist seniors.

Currently, he volunteers as a TV camera operator and studio/editing for TVCogeco, a local cable TV company. He has been teaching Mac computer courses at Lambton College for four years. In 1972, Greg worked as a data programmer on the IBM 360. The first home computer he owned was in 1984, a Mackintosh 128k. He has worked with all Windows OS since 3.0. Today he is an avid proponent of anything that starts with anything Apple.

**Roger Tesch**  
**Regions 7 (IA, MN, MO, ND, NE, SD, WI)**  
**11 (AK, HI, ID, MT, OR, WA, WY)**



Roger has been a member of the Madison PC Users Group since 1994. He currently serves as President. He is employed as an IS Professional for the Wisconsin Department of Transportation

**Bill James, Secretary**  
**Region 8 (AR, KS, LA, OK, TX)**



Bill first became involved in a PC User's Group in 1992 when he joined the Oklahoma PC User's Group now known as the Computer Club of Oklahoma City (CCOKC) to learn more about the computer he purchased. He has been a member of the club's Board of Directors since 1998. Bill was elected President of the CCOKC in 2000 and served two terms. He is currently on the club's Board of Directors, serves as Webmaster, newsletter editor and frequently gives presentations on new software to his club. Bill attended his first APCUG Fall Conference in 2003. He is a past APCUG Region 6 and 9 Advisor and Treasurer and served on the APCUG Board of Directors from 2006 to 2009. He is an active member of Toastmasters International Club #627. Bill is also a current member of the Board of Directors for North Care Center, a private non-profit behavioral and social services facility located in Oklahoma City.

Bill is a life-long resident of Oklahoma City. He retired from the Federal Aviation Administration as a Supply Systems Analyst for the FAA Logistics Center in Oklahoma City, OK in 2007 where he worked for the past 38 years.

**Ray Baxter**  
**Region 9 (AZ, CO, NM, NV, UT)**



Ray joined the Payson Area Computer Association (PACA) shortly after moving to Pine, AZ and three years ago was elected its Vice President. In addition to filling in for the President in his absence, he is responsible for the monthly programming and work with the AZACC to insure the speakers they provide have what is required to offer effective presentations in person or via Skype. With a Payson location they have the most to gain from the latest communication technologies and Ray would like to help other "long distance" clubs in taking advantage of these developments.

As the Rim Country Computer Tutor, he provides computer training in the home. He is also an Adjunct Instructor for Eastern Arizona College teaching:

\*\*Computers for Beginners, a 2 credit course aimed primarily at senior citizens to improve their basic computer skills.

\*\*Introduction to Computers, a 3 credit college level course providing instruction in using Microsoft Office 2010, specifically Word, Excel, and Power Point.

**Cheryl Wester**  
**Region 10 (California)**



Cheryl currently serves as the Temecula Valley Computer User Group Program Chair; she usually has their programs booked almost a year in advance. She's a people oriented individual and has done numerous presentations to various computer clubs as well as the Southwest and APCUG conferences. Her topics range from Windows Mobile devices, Outlook, Google, What to do if the speaker doesn't show, and Applian products. She is also Technical Support for Applian Technologies. If you call Applian for support and a woman answers....say hi to Cheryl. Her day job is a high school technology and math teacher in Corona, California.