

## **Board Member Profile**

### **AEU Board of Directors**



**Jill Aul**  
**Ethical Society Mid-Rivers**

#### **Local Society Experience**

I joined Mid Rivers in 2005 and have served as Board President since 2012. I also serve as chair of the Program Committee and am the Society's administrator and officiant.

#### **AEU Experience**

I joined the AEU Board of Directors for the first time in June 2016.

#### **Board Leadership Responsibilities & Expertise**

I am a member of the Board Development Committee and liaison for the Washington Ethical Society, as well as Mid Rivers. I have substituted for the board Secretary in her absence.

#### **Goals for Present Term**

It is my goal to help grow Ethical Culture by supporting new and existing Societies, increasing our visibility nationally and helping to establish positive relationships among Ethical Societies and its members.

#### **Length of Membership & Locale**

Twelve years at Mid Rivers

#### **Life Experience**

I taught public school for 30 years before retiring in 2011. I am the founder and leader of the St. Charles, MO PFLAG chapter, and the Regional Director for the Central Region (Missouri, Iowa, Kansas, and Nebraska) for PFLAG National.

**Term of Office:** Third year of my first term

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**Martina E. Brunner**  
Ethical Culture Society of Westchester

#### **Local Society Experience**

I joined the Westchester Society in 2012.  
I currently serve on the Board

#### **AEU Experience**

I joined the AEU Board of Directors for the first time in June 2017.

#### **Board Leadership Responsibilities & Expertise**

I serve on the Ethical Action Committee

#### **Goals for Present Term**

It is my goal to increase AEU visibility in local Social Justice Organizations and to support AEU efforts to increase national visibility.

#### **Length of Membership & Locale**

Five years at Westchester Ethical Culture Society

#### **Life Experience**

I worked in Healthcare for fifty years before retiring in 2010.

During this century I have volunteered with the following organizations

Medicare Rights 15 years.

American Red Cross in the Metro N Y North Region 9 years.

The Westchester Mental Health Association Ombudsman Program 6 years.

I currently serve on the Health Committee, of the League of Women Voters, in Westchester County.

I am an active member of Food & Water Watch.

I am a Hospice Volunteer.

**Term of Office:** Third year of my first term

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**Tom Castelnuovo**  
**Brooklyn Society for**  
**Ethical Culture**

### Local Society Experience

- BSEC Board and Treasurer 2006-9, 2010-2017
- BSEC Investment Fund Monitor
- BSEC Audit Committee Chair
- BSEC Building and Accessibility Committee

### AEU Experience

- AEU Board Member 2016-9

### Board Leadership Responsibilities & Expertise

- AEU Board VP
- Fund Raising Committee
- Host AEU Board Retreat
- Planning, Computer Systems and Financial Expertise

### Goals for Present Term

- Implement Fund Raising Presentations and Planned Giving.
- Strengthen Public Relations Initiatives
- Support Management Accountability

### Length of Membership & Locale

- Member BSEC 2005-present

### Life Experience

- Management and design responsibilities for NYC's and Non-Profit agency Child Welfare Computer Systems.
- BS/MCP MIT, MBA Yale
- 1 wife, 2 kids all great.
- Best Halloween display in South Brooklyn

### Term of Office:

- Third year of first term

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**BOB GORDON**  
**Ethical Culture Society**  
**of Bergen County**

### **Local Society Experience**

I joined Bergen in 1969 and am currently on the Board of Trustees as Vice President. Previously I served as President, Vice President, and chair or member of various groups, including the Building, Publications and Promotions (just renamed “Communications”), Recognition, Leadership and Long Range Planning. I am also co-editor of the monthly newsletter and continue to edit pre-publication articles for it and other outlets.

### **AEU Experience**

Previously served as member without portfolio.

### **Board Leadership Responsibilities & Expertise**

Member of the Ethical Action Committee.

### **Goals for Present Term**

I will support and contribute to the intensive effort to promote awareness of the Movement, nationwide, so as to reach the “nones” who belong to no particular religion. Growth of the Movement with its glorious record of innovation and achievements has turned negative and must be reversed.

### **Length of Membership & Locale**

49 years, ECS of Bergen County, NJ.

### **Life Experience**

40-year career in information technology, including 7+ years in two Middle East countries, which happened to encompass a revolution. I worked half those years as an employee and half as a consultant/contractor.

Retired but frequent substitute schoolteacher, all levels, all subjects ELMHI.

**Term of Office:** Second Year of Second Term

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**Sonja Kueppers**  
**Washington Ethical Society**

### **Local Society Experience**

I have served on the Lay Leadership Development Committee and the Children's Education Council at the Washington Ethical Society. I have also served WES as an Our Whole Lives sexuality educator and as lead teacher for our Sunday School class on contemporary religions.

### **AEU Experience**

I joined the AEU Board of Directors for the first time in June 2017.

### **Board Leadership Responsibilities & Expertise**

I serve as the Board liaison with the Ethical Education Committee. I have also worked extensively on communication and branding issues during my first year on the board.

### **Goals for Present Term**

I would like to see the American Ethical Union better serve its Member Societies, recognizing that this takes different forms because of the diversity of our membership. I believe that the AEU should focus its energy on areas where the national organization can have the greatest impact.

### **Length of Membership & Locale**

4 years at the Washington Ethical Society

### **Life Experience**

I have worked in the Information Technology field for the last 30 years. I previously served on the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Library in my town for 17 years. I also homeschool my two children, and am deeply engaged in volunteer work related to their education and interests.

**Term of Office:** Third year of my first term

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**John McCormick**  
**Ethical Humanist Society of**  
**Philadelphia**

### **Local Society Experience:**

Board member from 2014 to 2017. Treasurer from 2015 to 2017. Co-chair of fund raising committee. Platform host. Coffee hour coordinator.

### **AEU Experience:**

Lay Leadership Summer School in 2014.  
Board member since 2015. Vice President since 2016.  
Board President since 2017.

### **Leadership Roles and Expertise:**

Serve as hospital laboratory medical director which required developing skills in management, budgeting, planning and implementation as well as the ability to work cooperatively with others.

### **Professional Experience:**

Semi-retired after 40 years as a pathologist, much of that time as Department Chair and Laboratory Director. Served on hospital Medical Executive Committee and chaired Credentials Committee.

### **Goals for Present Candidacy:**

Society members have charged the AEU to serve as the national face/voice of the Ethical Culture Movement. We need to think creatively in trying to meet that challenge. Branding and public relations are examples of that effort. The federation needs to grow. There are plans to become more proactive in that regard but the implementation will require planning and considerable effort. As Societies struggle to meet their obligations, the AEU must serve as a good steward of the funds provided by giving close attention to the budget and fundraising.

**Length of Membership:** 8 years

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**Ken Novak**  
**Chicago Ethical Humanist Circle**

**Local Society Experience:** At the Chicago Ethical Humanist Circle (CEHC): founding Board member, Program and Communications committees, and discussion and Colloquy convener.

Before that, at the Ethical Humanist Society of Chicago (EHSC): board member (including Vice-President, President); chair or co-chair of a number of committees; founder or co-founder of many activities; Coming-of-Age Sunday School teacher; and Ethical Humanist Officiant.

**AEU Experience:** Board member since 2015, Treasurer since 2016. Student, then staff member at Summer Schools; on AEU Communications, Finance, Fundraising teams.

**Leadership Roles and Expertise:** More than 20 years of experience planning and executing for society growth, while also managing the budgets, pledge campaigns, and investments that supported those programs.

**Impact of Experience** - So much of who I am grew from what I learned about living the good life from my Ethical friends, ways in which my they asked me to step outside my comfort zone, and the love they have given. I learned from so many teachers how to be a humbler, more conscious, and more effective servant to my local community and beyond.

Among other things, I've learned that (1) the old saw, "When the student is ready, the teacher appears" means that teachers and lessons are always all around me, (2) nearly every good Parenting Rule I've ever read applies to my interactions with everyone, and (3) all of those good Interacting Rules are basically corollaries of the Supreme Ethical Rule.

**Goals for Present Term** – Continue to oversee our finances and plan for their preservation, growth, and visibility; find and build consensus for programs for a stronger, more inclusive, and more effective AEU, and then help launch them successfully.

**Length of Membership** - I have been a member of the CEHC for the first two years of its existence and a member of the EHSC for 25 years.

**Life Experience** - I grew up in a Russian Orthodox congregation in Clifton, NJ. At the University of Rochester, I got a BA (Poli. Sci.) and gained an important teacher, my first wife, Sue. I have an MBA from the University of Chicago, where I stayed for a while longer in the Ph.D. program before working in retail marketing and planning, web analytics, statistical modeling, and, most recently, data analytics consulting. My daughter, Kira, 28 and awesome, and "awesome" is a term I use sparingly.

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**Liz Singer**  
**New York Society for**  
**Ethical Culture**

#### **Local Society Experience**

**I have been a member of the New York Society for Ethical Culture for 7 years. I have served as president and chair of the board since 2016. I also chair the membership development committee and am ex-official of all NYSEC committees.**

#### **AEU Experience**

I joined the AEU Board of Directors for the first time in June 2017.

#### **Board Leadership Responsibilities & Expertise**

**I serve as chair of the personnel committee.**

#### **Goals for Present Term**

**To establish a more robust AEU. To interface with Societies under the AEU umbrella. Increase national AEU visibility utilizing PR and branding.**

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#### **Length of Membership & Locale**

**7 years**

#### **Life Experience**

Professional designer creating my own business. 30 years in the fashion and design business. Second career :6 years as an independent Geriatric Care Manager and Coordinator.

**Term of Office:** Third year of my first term

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**Sharon Stanley**  
**Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island**

#### **Local Society Experience**

My husband and I joined the Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island in 1995. We were married by an ethical humanist officiant and our son was born three years later and welcomed by our congregation. I have served in many capacities at my society; children's program director, teacher in the children's program, community song director, board member for two terms, fundraising committee, social action committee and most recently I started an American Humanist Association affiliate group called "Humanists of Long Island" that meets monthly at my ethical society.

#### **AEU Experience**

I joined the AEU Board of Directors for the first time in June 2017. On five occasions, I was a designated delegate at the AEU assembly.

#### **Board Leadership Responsibilities & Expertise**

Previously, I was involved in the Membership committee, and I've recently joined the New Society Development Committee. It has been exciting to reach out to others or would like information about starting an ethical society, fellowship or circle.

#### **Goals for Present Term**

It is my goal to help new societies form and increase the visibility of the American Ethical Union and Ethical Humanism/Ethical Culture.

#### **Length of Membership & Locale**

I have been a member of the Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island for 24 years.

#### **Life Experience**

I am a proud New York City special education teacher, who retired after 33 years in service. After retirement I worked for two years as a children's librarian at the East Meadow Library.

**Term of Office:** Third year of my first term