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# Four New Members Elected to Serve on The Living Planet Aquarium Board of Trustees

**Sandy, UT** (July 16, 2009) – The Living Planet Aquarium Founder and CEO, Brent Andersen, is pleased to announce that four new members have been elected to the Aquarium’s board of trustees. These new members will serve on the board during a critically important phase of the Aquarium’s history, as the institution raises funds and prepares to build a state-of-the-art new Aquarium in the Salt Lake Valley. The new board members are as follows:

**Dr. Ragula Bhaskar:** Ragula Bhaskar is President and CEO of FatPipe Networks. Prior to co-founding FatPipe Networks, Dr. Bhaskar enjoyed a career in academia at Pennsylvania State University and later as a tenured associate professor of Mining Engineering at the University of Utah.

### Achievements:

- Current Chairman of the Governor’s Office of Economic Development, and has held the position since being appointed by Governor Huntsman in April, 2007
- Past Co-Chairman of the Review Committee of Utah State’s Boards and Commissions for the Huntsman Gubernatorial Transition Team
- Past Trustee and member of the Public Policy Committee of the Utah Information Tech Association
- Member of the Industrial Advisory Committee, College of Engineering at the University of Utah
- Member of the review panel for the State of Utah Centers of Excellence
- Owner of seven patents on the FatPipe technology

Dr. Bhaskar obtained a Ph.D. in Engineering, a dual M.S. in Engineering and Operations Research, and an M.S. in Business Administration (Honors) with specialization in Finance; all from Pennsylvania State University. Ragula and his wife, Sanch Datta, are the proud parents of twin 8 year old boys.

**Linda Nelson:** Linda Nelson is the owner of Neptune Divers and Bonneville Seabase. She has many years of experience in funding, opening, managing and growing successful businesses in the state of Utah. Prior to entrepreneurial endeavors, she led a quieter life with late husband Garth Nelson, and worked as a chemist, most recently at Kennecott Copper, while raising two children and occasionally racing motocross.

Achievements:

- Currently serves on the board of directors of several companies, including Sanders Construction, Bonneville Seabase, and Neptune Salvage
- Certified SCUBA Instructor Evaluator
- Organizer and leader of SCUBA diving trips to exotic locations, including Raja Ampat, Red Sea, Thailand, Antarctica, The Arctic, The Philippines, and many more.

Linda has lived in Utah since 1959 and currently lives near Grantsville, Utah with her husband, George Sanders and their rescued black lab, two huge nurse sharks and thousands of colorful marine fish at Bonneville Seabase. She and George love adventure, RV trips with the dog to almost anywhere, bicycling and photography.

**Ken Murdock:** Ken Murdock is the former CEO and co-founder of Nature's Way Products, Inc. In addition, Ken is co-founder and president of Seacology Foundation, a 20- year old non-profit organization based in San Francisco whose mission is to preserve island ecosystems and cultures throughout the world.

Achievements:

- Ken led Nature's Way Products to revenues exceeding \$100mm annually, building a global supply chain from supplier farms and processors all over the world.
- Ken served as Chairman and CEO of Murdock International Corp., Health Products International, Naturalife Corporation and Nu-Pro, Inc.
- Through his investment companies, Ken is active in the conception, funding and direction of several operations, with focus in technology, real estate, intellectual property and finance.

Ken is the proud parent of five children and has 10 grandchildren. He resides in Hobble Creek Canyon, Utah.

**Rep. Tim M. Cosgrove:** Tim Cosgrove is Representative District 44 for the Utah House of Representatives. Tim is a graduate of Weber State University with a Bachelors of Science degree in political science. Tim went on to earn his Masters of Arts in Political Management from George Washington University in Washington D.C.

Achievements:

- Child Advocate of the Year 2003, Prevent Child Abuse Utah President, Murray Max Soccer Club
- Coached Murray girls Jr. Jazz Basketball for the last seven years
- Hold On To Dear Life Advisory Board, Primary Children's Medical Center Utah Safe Kids Coalition Board of Directors
- Utah Poison Control Center Board of Directors
- National Governor's Association Interdisciplinary Network on School-Health Partnerships Board of Directors, Utah
- Utah Cardiovascular Health Alliance Board Member
- Past Longview Elementary PTA Legislative Vice President
- Past Murray School District Council PTA Legislative Vice President

- Utah State PTA Health Commissioner 2001-2004
- Former board member for the Utah Association for the Early Education of Young Children
- 2007-2008 Legislative Assignments: Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee; House Transportation Committee; House Revenue and Taxation Committee; House Ethics Committee

Tim enjoys family travel, weight lifting, camping, hiking, sports and community volunteer work. Tim and his wife, Diane, have four children.

### **The Living Planet Mission Statement**

The Living Planet Aquarium is dedicated to celebrating life on Earth by fostering a greater awareness and knowledge of Earth's diverse ecosystems and creating a deeper understanding of our place in the global system of life.

The Living Planet Aquarium is located at 725 E. 10600 S., Sandy, Utah, 84094. Visit **[www.thelivingplanet.com](http://www.thelivingplanet.com)** or call 801-355-FISH (3474) for more information about the exhibits, aquarium hours of operation and membership, tickets and prices.

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