

TASK FORCE BIOGRAPHY

Ed Nariqon – Ed currently serves BSA as Assistant Council Commissioner – Training and Recognition and is also a member of the Winnebago Council Executive Board. He started his Scouting volunteer service 25 years ago as Den Leader in Pack 44. He was a Webelos Leader with Pack 44 then joined Troop 44 as Assistant Scoutmaster – High Adventure, serving approximately 10 years. He was an Explorer Post Advisor. Ed is father of two Eagle Scouts, and one son and his daughter were Rangers at Philmont Scout Ranch. Ed has been a member of Wabuha District Committee as Training Chair and served as Council Training Chair. He served on three Wood Badge staffs, the final one as Course Director. His career with Farm Credit Services of America has provided skills and experience in leading organizations through change, and analyzing and implementing workouts for financially stressed agricultural businesses.

David Stoakes – David has been a member of the Executive Board for 4 years. As a Boy Scout he attended WSR during grade school (lived in Mason City) and Ingawanis during Junior High and High School (lived in Reinbeck). David is an Eagle Scout, earned the God and Country Award, and made one trip to Philmont. As a school superintendent, he gained experience in making tough budget decisions, planning for both reductions in student enrollment, and increases in student enrollment. He has also been involved in 10 building projections - new construction and major renovations. He brings to the Task Force and understanding of the importance of creating and shared vision and creative problem solving.

Christie Kangas – Christie is currently Council VP for Membership, and has over 20 years in Scouting In three councils (Transatlantic-Germany, Rocky Mountain-Colorado and Winnebago), is a holder of Cub Wood Badge beads, and has had various roles as den leader, pack/troop committee member, Cub Roundtable commissioner, district training chair, district commissioner, and council commissioner. As Director of Admissions at UNI, she regularly works with demographic trends in analyzing various markets. She contributes that experience with analysis and subsequent decision-making to the Task Force.

Dan Beenken - Dan Beenken serves on the Executive Board of the Council and is an Eagle Scout. He is the Director of the Small Business Development Center at the University of Northern Iowa and also manages UNI's business incubation services. Dan has prior experience in the finance and investment banking, most recently in research and marketing. Dan holds a degree in finance from Iowa State University and a MBA from the University of Minnesota's Carlson School of Business.

Jim Hughes – Jim is presently Troop 63 Committee Chairman in Cresco Iowa, a member of the Twin Rivers District Committee, and the Winnebago Council Executive Committee. His Scouting history started as a Cub Scout and Boy Scout in Lime Springs Iowa. He has served as a Cub Scout Den Leader, Webelos Leader, Pack Committee Chairman, Cubmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, Scoutmaster, Troop Eagle Scout Advisor, Troop Committee member and Chairman, Council Advancement Chairman, Council

Executive Committee. He brings to the Task Force a passion for Scouting as evidenced by 37 years of participation with Scouting as youth, adult unit leader, Council leadership; he has experience leading National Professional and Regulatory Organizations; has management experience in Healthcare organizations; is a presenter / instructor at local, state and national meetings; Instructor at Mayo Clinic PT School and Medical Resident Education Programs, Supervisor in Mayo Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Department.

Mike Schweizer – Mike earned the Eagle rank as a Boy Scout, and is the Father of an Eagle Scout. He has served as Assistant Den Leader, Assistant Scoutmaster and Council Camping Committee Member. He served as the liaison between Camping and Properties Committees. Other positions: Properties Committee Member, Properties Committee Chair, Executive Board, Advisory Board and works with the Mason City/Clear Lake Friends of Scouting.

James O'Connor – James is a father of an Eagle Scout (Sean). He is former Scout Master of Troop 25, Waterloo. He serves Troop 1, Waterloo, as Chaplain and Committee Member and is a member of the Winnebago Council Executive Committee member. James co-chaired the 2010 Winnebago Council National Jamboree Committee and is a former Sun Rivers District Softball Chairman. He was awarded the Winnebago Council Pathfinder Award in 2005. James will provide communication strategy to council leadership.

Tony Thompson – Tony has earned the Eagle Scout rank, Silver Beaver Recipient in 2010, was the former Sun Dance District Committee, Sun Rivers District Committee, and Council Committee (Marketing and Public Relations). Tony was the Immediate Past Council President and currently is the Council Executive Board VP of Marketing/PR.

John Winter – John currently serves on the Executive Board as VP of Strategic Planning, and Leave No Trace Master Educator in the Winnebago Council. John is also the BSA COPE/Climbing Chair for Central Region. He has been a scout in the Wapsipinicon and Winnebago Councils since 1959. The passion and skills he brings are in the program arena with extensive experience in training, high adventure, and developing innovative outdoor programs.