



Bob Gottfried Vice President

I have been a member of Quest since the fall of 2014. At that time, I was still working with my son David in our immigration law practice, so I could only attend Quest classes part of the day. My career as an Immigration lawyer spanned almost 40 years in New York City. On my very first day at Quest, I presented on U.S. Immigration at a Noontime Knowledge class.

I want to be Vice-President of Quest, so I can support Donna and the rest of the Council in their efforts to make Quest the best lifelong learning organization it can be. It is very important for Quest to have a Vice-President capable of stepping in for the President, in case of illness or injury of the President. I qualify for that role having served as Vice-President of Quest from 2016 to 2017, and President of Quest from 2017-2021. Since leaving the Council, I have been an active member of the Curriculum, Scheduling, and Special Events Committees. I have also been the lead coordinator of Foreign Affairs, Folk Music and Mellow Rock, and Questers Choice courses. I have made numerous presentations in a wide variety of courses since 2015.



Peter Fleischman

Treasurer

(Incumbent)

My name is Peter Fleischman and I've been a member of Quest since 2013. I was born in Manhattan to immigrant parents who escaped the Nazis. We moved to New Rochelle when I was three, and I lived there until I went to college.

I developed an early interest in math and science and maintained that interest through high school and beyond. I was accepted at MIT where I studied mathematics and computer science. Upon graduating, I started a job with a tech company, and I went to business school at night at NYU where I received my MBA.

I started my career in information technology as a programmer and never strayed too far from technology as I worked for firms that served technology, financial and healthcare clients. My job titles included project manager, sales manager, general manager, VP, and chief operating officer. I approached every job with a quantitative "bent", but also with a human approach that I learned from my management roles and from my wife, who is a psychologist.

As a Quest member, I have enjoyed the variety of courses offered, and enjoyed teaching as well. For the past two years, I have served as Treasurer. I've provided Council with accurate information about our income and expenses as well as the performance of our investments. Among my accomplishments are:

- Streamlined the process by which we deposit tuition checks. It now takes a few days to do what used to take weeks or months.
- We used to have to ask CWE for money to use for our expenses, and that often took weeks and didn't always result in our receiving the money we requested. We now have a process by which we receive these funds on a regular basis.
- I have created reports that provide a monthly comparison of income and expenses to budget.
- Our investments are now exclusively in U.S. Treasuries, which provide more liquidity than CDs. Our interest income now makes a significant contribution to Quest's finances. In addition, I have created a treasury "ladder" which will provide Quest with greater interest income for a year or more after interest rates decline.

I was asked by several Council members to run for Treasurer again, and am doing so in order to maintain the improvements I've already made, and to continue to improve the information provided to Council and membership.

I've gotten a lot from my membership in Quest and look forward to continuing to give back to Quest as Treasurer.



Karen Cullen Secretary

I still remember when I moved to the Village in 1980 after graduating from law school. I snagged a great studio apartment at 10 Downing Street. It was a bit worn and roach infested, but otherwise looked just like Mary's apartment from the Mary Tyler Moore show. I worked downtown, basically lived at the office, and survived on cigarettes, Scotch rocks, and Chinese take-out. Hot damn--I loved it.

Forty-three years later I am still in the Village, although I eventually moved up to 9th St. And though I used to think I would work till my nineties, I retired in July 2022 and, following a lead from someone in my bridge club, gave Quest a call. Thank God. And thank God for those red lanyards that identify newbies. Everyone, and I mean everyone, was friendly, welcoming, encouraging, and supportive. You all made me feel so wanted. And though I've reluctantly traded in my red lanyard for a purple one, Quest continues to give me what I need in retirement—a community of women and men who love to learn and--icing on the cake--love to hang out, eat, and chat, occasionally with drinks. What's not to love?

So far, my participation in Quest has included coordinating and presenting in the History of Medicine course, presenting a class on the Constitutional Convention, and co-presenting a class on Marijuana with Susan Keohane and Shipwrecks with Tamara Weinberg. Coming up, in the May 6 Lunchtime Activities slot, look for me and Vince Grosso as we "broadcast" the latest news in the world of sports!

Now that I have my feet wet on the presenting side, I would like to help on the admin side of Quest and so am running for the Council position of Secretary. I think I have the experience to be a good Secretary and Council member. In addition to serving on a couple of charity boards, I served on the board of my coop for five years, the last two as President, and on the board of a private resort community in the Poconos for three years. Also, as general counsel to a federal savings bank in the late 1990s and a small broker-dealer in the early 2000s, I have counseled boards and executives and overseen the corporate secretary function.

More generally, as a council member, I hope to serve the Quest community by helping to further Quest's goal of offering high quality peer-to-peer learning in a community devoted to education and fellowship.



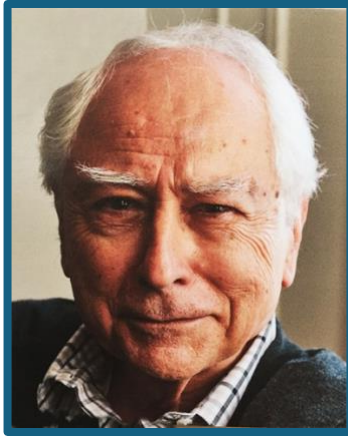
David Bartash Member-at-Large

I am a retired pharmaceutical and biotechnology analyst. As such, I spent over 40 years advising a variety of investors, bankers and companies on the merits of putting money to work in new and existing, leading edge health care products. For the first 20 years, I was employed by several major Wall Street firms; for the next 20, I functioned as a consultant to a variety of smaller players.

During my working career, I served on several Boards of Directors. The most enjoyable of these (and the one I am most proud of), was the Developmental Disabilities Institute (DDI). DDI is a high-quality provider of educational, residential and medical services to over 1,500 children and adults with profound autism. I served for 15 years, first as a board member and then Chairman of this wonderful organization. Coming from a Wall Street background, it was such a joy to work with people whose sole interest was making life better for this severely impacted population. (Full Disclosure - my non-verbal son is a long-term resident at DDI.)

I joined Quest eight years ago. I am currently serving as a co-coordinator and a member of the audit committee. I have made a number of presentations, the most recent of which were on the China Belt and Road Initiative and on the history of New York's ticker tape parades.

Too many years ago, I studied history and received my BA from the University of Pennsylvania and MA from Bryn Mawr College. I continue to be an avid reader of history and just about anything else that I find interesting. It goes without saying that I love Quest. It has become an integral part of my life, as have my fellow Quest members



Roy Clary Member-at-Large

Although born in Winnipeg, Canada, I grew up in three different Ohio cities and graduated from The Ohio State University. After earning an MFA degree from the Goodman Theater School of the Art Institute of Chicago, I began my acting career with the Seattle Repertory Theater in 1964. Subsequently, I acted coast-to-coast in plays ranging from Shakespeare to Neil Simon. I have appeared in film, television, and TV commercials. I have also directed summer stock and University productions. Married in 1964, my wife and I raised two children. In the late 70s, I entered the non-profit world and ultimately directed fund-raising efforts at the USO, NYU's Tisch School of the Arts and Calvary Hospital. At Calvary, I also directed the efforts of a volunteer fund-raising Board of Directors.

Upon retirement from Calvary in 2006, a friend who was a member of Quest, recommended it to me. At that time, Quest was located on Hudson Street and had about 100 members. I joined and was glad I did. Quest offered the exact program I was seeking: excellent learning programs in a warm communal environment.

As a member of Quest, I have served on Council, chaired both the Membership and the Nominating and Election Committees. I am a big fan of peer-learning and currently serve as lead coordinator for Shakespeare, Great Plays, and the Acting Workshop. I have directed the Workshop's past four year-end productions. I was a Coordinator of Dante's Inferno and of a Folk Music class. Shortly after joining Quest, I served on a Planning Committee focused on increasing membership. Recently I served as a Q Pal. I have also made numerous presentations and was delighted to present my original play: "Shakespeare's Bad Boys" during last summer's Encore Series.

I would suspect that all of us were at one time busy working at our careers with little or no time to pursue outside interests. Upon retirement, we were fortunate to discover Quest. Its wide variety of courses offer something for everyone. I am proud to be a member of such a special educational and social organization. Given my experience in the workplace and at Quest, I would be privileged to once again serve on Council in order to help Quest maintain its excellence and provide insight for its future growth.



Vincent Grosso Member-at-Large

I was born and raised in Williamsburg, Brooklyn and attended Pace University – where I received a BBA in Finance and Psychology and an MBA in Accounting. I spent two years on active duty with the U.S. Navy, stationed at a top-secret base in Oregon.

After discharge I returned to New York where I held a number of jobs. First, I became a licensed stockbroker with Merrill Lynch. Then I worked as an auditor for the U.S. General Accounting Office. During most of my career I was the owner of a business in Greenpoint that manufactured bronze and aluminum castings. The business employed 65 workers. I also owned and managed residential and commercial buildings in Brooklyn. My wife and I raised our family in Brooklyn Heights where I continue to live.

Upon retirement, I volunteered for SCORE, the section of the US Small Business Administration that helps potential and emerging small businesses. For 10 years I mentored people regarding starting or improving a small business.

I learned about Quest from Jan and Stuart Eisler who spoke highly of the organization. Since I joined Quest three years ago, I have found it to be a unique collaborative organization. I understand it couldn't exist without volunteers, so I serve on the Emergency Response Committee and the New Members Committee. I've had the pleasure of acting in several plays. I am a co-coordinator for Quester's Choice, Comedy Central, and Cinema Quest.

I really feel fortunate that I found Quest. The classes are interesting; the people I've met are terrific; and the organization is keeping me active and engaged. I will give 100% of my effort to this organization, whatever tasks I take on.



Laura Lopez Member-at-Large

I was introduced to Quest by Ruth Ward, whom I met at a French meet-up in Manhattan. It was a connection that has since enriched my life in ways I couldn't have imagined. I joined Quest in 2019. It gave me my first experience with PowerPoint. As lead coordinator for a class on the Nobel awards, I delivered my first talk at Quest on the Nobel Peace Prize. I also coordinated a class *called A Week in Paris*.

I have given talks on Bob Dylan, voter suppression, and America's contribution to movies of the '50s. As a regular at the French noontime class, I deliver some of my talks in French. One of my first volunteer efforts was to produce the bi-weekly Next Week at Quest (NWAQ) schedule. I also served on the Scheduling Committee and chaired the Committee on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

Born to a Filipino family, I spent my childhood in Forest Hills, then finished high school at the American School of Paris. I was awarded a BA in Foreign Service from a college in Manila and later received an MBA from Baruch.

Yet I have lived most of my life in New York City. My work life started at UNICEF, from where I travelled to many countries over two years to promote the International Year of the Child (1979). Then I worked in microfinance at a NY nonprofit that works to increase income in poor countries by partnering with local organizations. I later served as program manager and grant writer at another nonprofit that uses bridging leadership to combat poverty and social injustice.



Tamara Weinberg

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Member-at-Large

Perhaps you've seen me running around with a mic or tinkering at a podium as part of the Quest Technology Committee. I'm one of the newer members— not yet two years, but Quest has become a large and wonderful part of my life. I immersed myself and understood from Day 1 that the more you put into Quest, the more you benefit.

After hearing many Quest members lament that they'd love to make presentations but don't feel comfortable with PowerPoint, I created a 4-week 'bootcamp', with multiple sessions so no one gets left behind. We're all about inclusion! My other Quest involvement:

- QPal (twice) because I benefited from having a QPal
- Membership Committee, to share my enthusiasm for Quest
- Recently joined the Scheduling Committee
- Co-coordinator for the Toni Morrison course, created and was lead coordinator for a course about Mexico, and presented in those courses as well as in the Cinema, Foods and Water courses
- Co-coordinator of Women Spies
- Helped maintain a lending library in Room 27
- Arranged a field trip to view Toni Morrison's papers and a related art exhibit in Princeton
- Led a culinary tour of chocolate stores, and I recently organized a vegan lunch in Chinatown

As to my Life Before Quest (LBQ), I was born in Bayside, grew up in Oyster Bay and moved to the UES after attending Swarthmore College. I worked as a systems analyst at Morgan Stanley and then earned my MBA. I next joined a nascent management consulting firm in Greenwich, leaving to become a full-time mom. Seeking a parent-friendly career after my divorce, I obtained an M.A. in Educational Technology with Library Media Specialist certification, an excellent fit with my computer skills and love of reading. I had a fulfilling 16-year career teaching computer and research skills and building library collections and spaces - until the pandemic hit.

In 2022, I discovered Quest and knew from the moment that I joined, the organization and I were a perfect fit. I appreciate and frequently participate in social opportunities at Quest, including CultureQuest, Solemates and Q'xtra events, enjoying getting to know Questers in different settings.

Being around such friendly, intelligent, and engaged folks — some even thirty years my senior — is incredibly inspirational. I understand the ethos of Quest and hope if I am chosen for Council, I can further help shape and grow Quest and maintain its vibrancy and intellectual and social offerings



Judy Winn
Member-at-Large
(Incumbent)

I am originally from Philadelphia. I earned a bachelor's degree from Temple University, got married and had two children. When my children were in pre-school, I went back to Temple and earned a master's degree and a Ph.D. in Educational Psychology. I then began a 35-year career working in community college education.

My first job was as a Professor of Education and Psychology at Community College of Philadelphia, where I became the Director of the Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences and Human Service Careers. I moved on to become the Vice President and Dean of the College at Burlington County College in New Jersey. After nine years in New Jersey, I moved to Texas and served as President of Northwest College, which is part of the Houston Community College System. My next job was President of Bergen Community College in Paramus, New Jersey, a position I held for 12 years until I retired in 2007. Bergen Community College enrolls approximately 14,000 students in college credit courses each year and about 8000 students a year in non-credit continuing education courses. In my last year as President, I oversaw a \$100 million dollar budget, 700 full-time employees and 400 part-time employees.

After I retired, I moved to Brooklyn Heights to be closer to family and I became a member of Quest eight years ago. I made presentations in a number of courses and served on the Curriculum Committee for four years. I have been lead coordinator of Poets' Workshop since the Spring of 2020. I am completing my first two-year term on Quest Council. I believe my extensive administrative experience has been of benefit to the Council and I would like to continue as a Council member-at-large for another two years.

My most rewarding retirement activity has been serving as a volunteer for resettling refugees in New York City. The team with which I work has resettled three young men from Afghanistan. These men were brought to NYC through HIAS (Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society) and assigned to my volunteer group. Our job is to get them housing, jobs, phone plans, subway cards, medical care and everything else they need. They are all now working and need less financial assistance from us, but continue to rely on us in managing daily living challenges.