

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Community-at-Large Members

Dr. John R. Swiger, Chairperson



Dr. John Swiger brings more than 20 years of experience in higher education to the San Joaquin Valley College (SJVC) Board of Governors. Prior to his service on the board, Dr. Swiger held the position of the SJVC Fresno Campus President for many years until his retirement in 2012. Dr. Swiger also held the position of SJVC's Director of Accreditation from 2005-2007. In that capacity,

Dr. Swiger successfully led SJVC through its reaccreditation with the ACCJC/WASC. Prior to his employment with SJVC, Dr. Swiger held the position of Associate Dean with National University; Director and Dean for Heald Business College; and Director of Professional Education for the State of Washington.

Dr. Swiger earned his doctoral degree in Education from Seattle University. He earned a Master's Degree in Education from Central Washington University and a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Colorado.

John has served as the Sr. Warden/Vestry for St. Columba Church.

Jill Sozinho



Ms. Sozinho is an English Teacher at Tulare Western High School. She is the Lead Teacher-Head of Professional Learning Community and a member of the Advisory Board for Pre-Medical Academy. Ms. Sozinho has taught Pre-Medical Honors English, Journalism, and CAHSEE. She has also served as an adjunct faculty member of the Fresno Pacific University where she

mentored student teachers.

Ms. Sozinho earned her Professional Clear Single Subject Teaching Credential from Chapman University where she also completed her Master of Arts in Teaching. Ms. Sozinho also earned a Bachelor of Arts in English from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo and holds multiple certifications.

Ms. Sozinho and her husband volunteer at the Bethlehem Center – a non-profit organization that provides meals, a food pantry, clothing, vouchers, and a thrift store.

Susan Good



Ms. Good is the Retired District Director for California State Senate Majority Leader, Dean Florez. Ms. Good has been a leading Knight in the Fresno Elks Lodge and has served as the Vice President of Administration for the National Women's Political Caucus in Fresno County. Ms. Good is a life member of the Veteran's of Foreign Wars Post 8900 Auxiliary and the Fresno

State Alumni Association. Her extensive public service contributions include membership in the Fresno Women's Network; Fresno Advertising Federation; Rotary Club of Fresno; and Leadership Fresno Alumni Association. Ms. Good has been the recipient of the Fresno Advertising Federation's Hall of Fame for lifetime achievement. Ms. Good was also listed as one of the "100 Most Influential Women" in 2008.

Ms. Good graduated from the California Banking School at the University of San Diego. She is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma's Bank Compliance School. Ms. Good earned her Bachelor's Degree at California State University, Fresno.

Marlea Lyon



Ms. Lyon has over 20 years of experience in the banking industry. She is currently the Portfolio Manager for Wells Fargo and is highly skilled at maintaining strong relationships with middle market and high net worth clients, cross-selling within bank lines of business, and acquiring new relationships.

Ms. Lyon earned her Bachelor of Science Degree in Agribusiness from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

Ms. Lyon is the Past President of the California Women for Agriculture – Tulare-Kings Chapter. She has served on multiple advisory committees and boards, including Wish Upon a Star, YMCA, and the Visalia Unified School District Ag Advisory.

Susan DeLong



Ms. DeLong is an educator with over 20 years of teaching experience and eight years in administration. She currently is an Academic Coach for Exeter Unified School District. In that capacity, Ms. DeLong assists instructors with curriculum, technology, instructional strategies, and assessment. She also mentors new teachers and

conducts professional development. From 2010-2015, Ms. Delong was the Director of Assessment for San Joaquin Valley College. Ms. Delong was instrumental in creating and administering an outcomes-based program review process for the then 13 SJVC campuses and 28 academic programs. She also managed the curriculum for the 28 academic programs and assisted with faculty hiring, training, and evaluation. She held the position of Assistant Director of Curriculum and Instruction from 2007-2010. In that role, Ms. Delong primarily provided professional development to college faculty based on current educational research. She also coordinated the implementation of college-wide learning management system for the delivery of learning objects for over 400 courses. From 1987-2007, Ms. Delong taught seventh and eighth grade language arts with experience with English language learners and GATE students at Valley Oak Middle School. She taught sixth, seventh, and eighth grade math at Reef-Sunset Unified School District from 1983-1987.

Ms. Delong completed the WASC sponsored Assessment Leadership Academy in 2010. Ms. Delong has a Master's Degree in Educational Technology from Fresno Pacific University. She earned her Bachelor's Degree in Education from Central Michigan University.

Ms. Delong is a board member of Christ Lutheran Church; Past President of Christ Kids Preschool Board; and Past President of Eta Zeta Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma.

Mark Perry



Mr. Perry, who is a co-owner of SJVC, has over 30 years of experience in education. He began working for the College in 1978 on a part-time basis as a janitor/copy clerk. In 1982, Mr. Perry began working for SJVC full-time and held various positions of employment including admissions, sales/advertising, student dean, and campus president. During this time, he

and his brother, Michael Perry, worked with their parents (and then-owners, Bob and Shirley Perry) to grow the College. In 1994, Mr. Perry and his brother purchased SJVC from their parents. Mr. Perry held the title of SJVC's President until his retirement in 2015. He currently is a member of the Senior Management and the Board of Directors.

Mr. Perry is actively involved in the community. He is Past Chairman of the Visalia Chamber of Commerce. He has been active in the Boy Scouts of America since 1990 and has held several leadership positions, including Council President and member of the BSA International Committee. Mr. Perry has been an active Rotarian since 1992 and has held various leadership positions within the organization. He also serves on the Kaweah Delta Hospital Foundation Board.

Mr. Perry holds an Associate Degree from the College of the Sequoias.

Michael Perry



Mr. Perry, who is also a co-owner of SJVC, began working for the College in 1978. He held several different positions, including Campus President. Upon his parent's retirement, Michael and his brother, Mark Perry, purchased SJVC in 1993. From 1993-2015, he and Mark held the titles of CEO and President. Under their visionary leadership, SJVC achieved WASC accreditation and increased its reach through the addition of new programs and campuses. Upon Mark's retirement in 2015, Michael Perry assumed the role of President/CEO.

Mr. Perry has been an active Rotarian since 2005 and held the office of Vice President of the Visalia Sunset Rotary. Mr. Perry has served as a Board Member and Chairman of the California Association of Private Post-Secondary (CAPPS). Mr. Perry has also served on the Board of Directors for the Visalia Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Perry was a recipient of the Visalia Junior Chamber of Commerce's "Man of the Year" award.