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Mr. Eckert was appointed Deputy Secretary for Comptroller Operations for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in 1983. His duties included maintaining the Commonwealth's financial systems and operations, issuing its financial statements, and providing finance-related auditing and consulting services to the 45-plus agencies under the governor's jurisdiction. His office initiated systems, policies and procedures to ensure the accountability of Commonwealth funds. Audits conducted by his staff were intended to ensure that agency programs complied with rules and regulations and programs were operated in an economic, efficient and effective manner. Harvey was directly responsible for 1,000 employees in six comptroller offices and four bureaus.

Under his leadership, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania was the seventh state to receive the Government Finance Officer Association's (GFOA's) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting in 1986 and has continued to receive this award for twenty-one consecutive years.

Mr. Eckert's professional experience includes service as an accountant with the U.S. Army as well as various management accounting positions with Standard Steel where he rose to the position of Vice President and Controller. Harvey holds a BS degree from the Pennsylvania State University and is a graduate of Penn State's Executive Management Program.

Mr. Eckert has been very active in a variety of professional organizations. He is a past president of both the National Association of State Comptrollers (NASC) and the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers (NASACT) and a past Director and National Committee member of the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA). He was the National Governors' Association's (NGA) representative to the Governmental Accounting Standards Advisory Council (GASAC) for sixteen years, and held the GASAC's Chairmanship for ten of those sixteen years. He was a member of the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA); past Chairman of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Coalition (MARC) of Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT); Chair of the National Electronic Benefits Services Council (EBS) of the National Automated Clearing House Association (NACHA); Senior V.P. At-Large and member of National Executive Committee of the Association of Governmental Accountants (AGA).

Among the awards he has received are NASACT's President's Award, NASC's President's Award, and GFOA's Award of Financial Reporting Achievement. In 1992 he received the Donald L. Scantlebury Memorial Award from the Joint Financial Management Improvement Program (JFMIP) as the outstanding nation-wide state financial officer.

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In 2001, the National Association of State Comptrollers (NASC) honored Harvey with the prestigious Louis L. Goldstein Leadership Award for his extraordinary excellence and Leadership in Financial Management. This award is considered one of the most distinguished awards in financial management and has only been awarded twice in the past.

In August 2007, he was given a “NASACT Special Recognition Award in recognition of his longstanding support of NASACT, its members and its goals; his considerable contributions to the development of governmental accounting and financial reporting; his distinguished career with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and his friendship to many of his peers within the profession.”

Recently, Mr. Eckert retired as Commonwealth Comptroller for Pennsylvania serving nearly 25 years under five Governors.

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Paul is a “recovering tropical marine biologist” who came to work in the Great Lakes because he was tired of the warm, clear, Hawaiian waters teeming with life – *‘he’s always on the lookout for contrast and balance’*. He has always enjoyed working with math, so he enrolled in the PhD program in Ecology & Evolutionary Biology at Michigan State University, working in the Theoretical Ecology lab, building foraging and competition models using Game Theory. For nearly a decade, he taught a variety of courses in ecology, zoology, math, chemistry, and physics.

As someone who understands both critters and math, he got roped into just about every computer-related task in the department. Before he realized what was happening, his research was dusty and his software wish-list was out of control. He switched fields and moved into computer science. Paul stayed at MSU for five years, working with scientific and engineering computing, and then went to work in the Michigan Legislative Council, where he spent seven years as IT Director at the Library of Michigan.

In 2001, the Michigan Department of Information Technology (MDIT) was created, and Paul has been with MDIT from the start. He is currently working in the Enterprise Architecture group, guiding the large-scale nature and direction of the state's IT foundations. Paul's personal expertise is IT Security, and he is a Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP). He consults in a variety of fields, maintains extensive teaching activities, and does a great deal of public speaking. Paul loves to write, read, teach, and make people laugh, preferably all at once.

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Prior to founding *Leading & Governing*, I served on the faculty of the School of Government at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the School of Public Affairs at the University of Colorado at Denver, and the School of Professional Studies at Regis University, where I taught in graduate programs in public policy, public administration and public management and leadership. I currently teach for the Vinson Institute of Government at the University of Georgia, the National League of Cities' Leadership Training Institute, the International City and County Management Association's ICMA University, and other national public purpose associations. Since starting *Leading & Governing Associates* in 2004, I have worked with more than 100 public jurisdictions, organizations, and associations in some 30 states.

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When John Otterbacher talks about "living out beyond your fears", he is speaking from experience.

He grew up in the working class neighborhoods of Grand Rapids, Michigan, paying for college with a series of factory and construction jobs.

After graduating from Aquinas College with a degree in Psychology, he completed a Masters and Doctorate degree in Clinical Psychology at St. Louis University. He has done additional study in Urban Affairs, Human Relations, Political Process, and Organizational Development at the University of California and Michigan State University.

The Detroit Free Press once described him as "being educated within an inch of saturation."

John first became politically active in the efforts of Robert Kennedy and Dr. King. Upon returning to Grand Rapids as an assistant professor and clinical psychologist at Aquinas College, he was elected to the Michigan House of Representatives and the Michigan Senate. During his eight years in the legislature, John was a firebrand on health issues, leading successful fights for nursing home reform, the development of a statewide emergency medical service system, and passage of both a new Public Health Code and the Michigan Mental Health Code. The Detroit Free Press described him succinctly as "a refreshing change at a moment when political thought is wallowing in stagnation." John ran for the U.S. Senate in 1978, losing in the Democratic primary to Senator Carl Levin.

John returned to private practice after his tenure in the legislature, spending a decade providing consultation to individuals and organizations.

In the mid-1980's, John took up sailing, spending three years "learning" in the Great Lakes. He and Barbara then took their children, John Ryan (13) and Katie (8 months) on a fifteen month cruise to the Mediterranean and the Caribbean. During this period, he also sailed single-handed across the Atlantic.

In 1998, John and Barb did an extended encore cruise with their girls (Katie, 9, and Erin, 5), spending the next six years sailing the Atlantic (four crossings), the North Sea, the Baltic, the Mediterranean, and the Caribbean. During those years John began writing seriously.

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Since returning to Grand Rapids in 2004, John divides his time between writing, speaking, and a limited private practice. He has been published in *Journal of Clinical Psychology*, *Sailing*, *Cruising World*, and *Yachting Monthly* (England). He has recently been published in *Thin Ice* (Eerdman Press 2007). *Sailing Grace*, his first full length book has been honored as "Michigan Notable Book" and as a finalist for "Best Book" Award by USA Book News.

With the growing acclaim for *Sailing Grace*, John has become a sought after speaker to diverse groups and organizations: health care and corporate, educational, nautical, and religious.

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Active in professional organizations, Craig is past U.S. Central Regional Governor of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners ("ACFE") and past president and past Chapter Training Officer of the Greater Chicago Chapter of the ACFE. He was a founding committee member of the Illinois CPA Society's Litigation Services Committee, and a former Peer Review Team Captain of CPA Firms for the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He is also a member of the Institute of Internal Auditors; American Society for Industrial Security; American Criminology Association; and an associate member of the National Indian Gaming Association.

An internationally recognized public speaker, Craig has addressed numerous organizations on topics involving fraud and its detection. He is a faculty member of the University of Nevada at Reno, Gaming Management Program; Association of Certified Fraud Examiners; and Institute of Internal Auditors. He is and has been a guest lecturer at University of Illinois at Chicago; University of Notre Dame; Northwestern University; and University of Texas at Austin. Craig has also served as a corporate fraud instructor for the U.S. Postal Inspection Service and a procurement fraud trainer for the U.S. Naval Criminal Investigative Services ("NCIS").

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