

Biography for Dan Blazer

NAME: Dan Blazer

ADDRESS: 1015 Chickasaw Drive, London OH 43140

EMPLOYER/POSITION: Former Vice President & Quality Manager (currently part-time retired) for Leidos/SAIC

BACKGROUND:

I have over forty five years of experience in quality systems implementation and process improvement; computational systems engineering, software engineering, avionics applications and independent analysis; and education. I have degrees in mathematics and computer science. I have performed in leadership roles including program manager for large projects and organizational manager for up to 50 software engineers. I was a vice president for SAIC/Leidos for over 20 years (note: Leidos represents a “spin off” of SAIC a Fortune 500 Company). Perhaps the most interesting job I worked on was I led a group of about 30 software engineers who built all the software for a high fidelity B-1B flight simulator for the Air Force. Until recently, I was a member of SAIC’s Internal Employee Ethics Committee and filled that position for over 15 years. From a hobby perspective, I have played music in a variety of bands since I was 14 years old and believe that music is the universal language and represents an important mechanism to bring people together. Additionally, I love photography and hope that some of my photos of our Choctaw eagles and other wildlife have helped to make everyone’s day just a little better.

MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

- Vice President for SAIC/Leidos for over 20 years (part time retired now)
- Key member of SAIC Ethics Committee for over 15 years
- Member of the Madison Heath Community Board
- Certified High Maturity Lead Appraiser for Carnegie Mellon’s “Capability Maturity Model Integrated” (CMMI) used to improve how large-scale, complex systems are developed (only about 140 individuals in the world hold this certification)
- Co-Chair of the Madison Health/Heartfelt Holiday Event
- Co-Sponsor for the Madison Health/Save the Ta Ta’s Charity Event for Breast Cancer

INVOLVEMENT IN CHOCTAW LAKE ACTIVITIES

- Past Choctaw Lake Board of Trustee for Six Years (Includes Secretary, Vice President and Acting President for the majority of a year):
 - Established and sponsored Choctaw Lake’s Summer Concert Series.
 - Key contributor to the Beautification Committee (planted many trees and flowers on Choctaw property. Planted the giant “C”).
 - Key contributor to Long Range Planning (e.g., co-sponsor of the storage building and building of the new Maintenance Building).
 - Established the CLPOA Funds Investment Committee
 - Sponsored and established the “Christmas Tree Lighting with Santa”.
- Officer and key contributor of the Choctaw Lake Musician’s Club
 - Established and sponsored the Choctaw Lake Music Socials.

REASON FOR DESIRING BOARD POSITION

My motivation for returning to the Choctaw Board is to accomplish three things: 1) Continue to make Choctaw Lake a better place to live for its residents, 2) Increase our property values, and 3) to live within our means. I desire to bring my broad professional background and experience to the board for the good of our community. I have always been known for being very thorough and objective in my decision making. I hope to continue that legacy on the next Choctaw BoT.