# METRO MOVERS 2016



# **Anneke Stender**

Anneke Stender is the executive vice president of TAG, an outsourced accounting and enterprise software consultancy firm. She has over 15 years of experience in the financial and accounting industry. She oversees TAG's Corporate Accounting and Family CFO Divisions, mainly focusing on finance functions on a CFO and Controller-level to support companies and individuals. In addition to managing a team of managers and accountants she is also responsible for new business development and implementing a strategic plan for growth into new industries and geographical areas. Stender has been instrumental in TAG's success. She has helped market and brand outsourced accounting in Southern California as a mainstream service and feasible option of any size. Under her leadership, TAG has expanded offices into Newport Beach, Rancho Santa Fe, Ontario and Reno, Nev., to capitalize on under-served markets. Originally from Germany, she graduated summa cum laude from San Diego State with a B.S. degree in finance. She actively participates in professional associations such as the Estate Planning Council of San Diego.



# Mary Ann McGarry

Mary Ann McGarry is chief executive officer of Guild Mortgage Company. She began her career with Guild in 1984 as a supervisor in Internal Audit after a successful career in public accounting. Within five years at Guild, she was promoted to senior vice president of loan administration and information technology. She was named to Guild's board of directors in 1988 and promoted to president in 2005 and to CEO in 2007, when she led a management buyout of the company from its founder. She has since been the driving force in the development and execution of the company's growth plans and objectives, including formulating and executing strategies. As a result, Guild has successfully weathered the turbulence of occasional upheavals in the housing market, grown at a time when other independent mortgage companies were contracting and is well positioned for future growth and prosperity. Guild anticipates having loan volume of \$12 billion and servicing volume of \$20.8 billion for its most recent 12 months. McGarry has led the team to create the Guild Giving Program, which encourages employees to donate time and energy to worthy causes in their own communities. Guild has 234 branch and satellite offices in 25 states, and it has correspondent banking relationships with credit unions and community banks in 47 states.



## Kevin Meissner

Kevin Meissner is a top producing commercial real estate executive at Cushman & Wakefield. He won "The Rocky Balboa Award" in 2009 as the highest grossing rookie broker in San Diego. He is the varsity coach for boys soccer at Cathedral Catholic High School, played college soccer at the University of San Diego and professioinally for three years with the Timbers. He is a native San Diegan with strong ties within the community. He goes out of his way to make sure his clients (predominantly office tenants) are treated above and beyond the usual protocol. He attends several networking events every week and is constantly touring offices with his clients.



# Vipul Dayal

Vipul Dayal is the executive director of Charity for Hope, a multi-purpose nonprofit organization that provides financial aid and supplies to other non-profits in need. Charity for Hope's mission is to collect, send and distribute aid as well as food supplies, new and old clothes, books, medicine, medical equipment and overall assistance to the poor, ill, destitute and economically deprived. He is president of VNR Management,Inc., a hospitality development and management company that currently operates family-owned hotel businesses. He is director at large of the Asian American Hotel Owners Association. Dayal is a member of the San Diego County's Regional Human Trafficking and Commercial Exploitation of Children Advisory Council.



# **Greg Vega**

GregVega is a former U.S. Attorney and current shareholder in the San Diego law firm of Seltzer, Caplan McMahon Vitek. He has partnered with law enforcement leaders across the nation to reduce the country's unprecedented number of imprisoned citizens while also maintaining public safety. He is a founding member of the newly-established Law Enforcement Leaders to Reduce Crime and incarceration. He is a member of the board of the San Diego Economic Development Corporation.



**Loren Freestone** 

Loren Freestone is a partner at Higgs Fletcher & Mack. He was recently elected to serve as presidentr-elect of the San Diego County Bar Association and will assume the role of president in 2017. He is the former chair of the County Bar Association's Ethnic Relations and Diversity Committee, and former chair of the County Bar Association's Diversity Fellowship Program. He's been selected as a Super Lawyer and has been named to the Best of Bar list for 2016.



## Jack Burger

Jack Burger is founder and president/CEO of Burger Construction, a locally-based commercial construction firm. The firm is now in its 23rd year. Burger's civic participation includes the Downtown San Diego Partnership, San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce and the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation. He and his employees annually cross the U.S./Mexico border to participate in the Baja Challenge, hosted by Project Mercy. In the process, Burger Construction has helped build more than 100 homes for those who have very few resources.



# Carly Glova

Carly Glova is the founder and president of Building Careers LLC, an executive search service firm that allows companies in the commercial real estate industry to find and retain top-tier talent. Her firm is the only executive search firm with boots on the ground in San Diego that is solely focused on recruiting and placement for the commercial real estate industry. Before founding Building Careers, she achieved notoriety in the local real estate industry for her work analyzing the underlying assets for the NBC Universal/Comcast acquisition and as a valuation consultant on the Empire State Building as part of a large New York office portfolio that same year.



#### Jason Anderson

Jason Anderson is president and CEO of Cleantech San Diego, a nonprofit member organization that positions the greater San Diego region as a global leader in the clean tech economy. Cleantech's members are committed to advancing sustainable solutions to benefit the economy and the environment. Before joining Cleantech, Anderson was the vice president of business development for the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation. He holds a degree in corporate communications from the University of Texas and is a 2008 graduate of LEAD San Diego.



#### Dana Toppel

Dana Toppel is the chief operating officer for the Jewish Family Service of San Diego, one of the city's leading agencies focused on helping older adults achieve self-sufficiency, and lead healthy, independent lives. As chief operating officer, Toppel is a driving source behind the implementation of the agency's mission, overseeing all operations under JFS's \$17 million annual budget, developing partnerships with peer organizations, public officials and funders. JFS was selected by United Way of San Diego County for a \$450,000 collective impact grant. Toppel is active at the Price Family Preschool and a proud supporter of Planned Parenthood.



#### **Gregg Parise**

Greg Parise is the chief executive of Events.com. Investors include Tomorrow Ventures, Chris Burch via Burch Creative Capital, Silverstein Properties President Tal Kerret, DLA Piper Venture Fund, Wilson Sonsini Investment Company and Arctaris, La Jolla Company and Moore Venture Partners. User first is one of Events core values. The company creates all experiences with their user in mind. Events' focus ensures a positive experience and is also a catalyst for its second core value – innovation. He is a vice president of PEERS Network.



## **Kevin Choquette**

Ken Choquette founded Fident Capital in 2005, and has been a business owner and entrepreneur for more than 10 years. He has served on the board of the San Diego chapter of Entrepreneurs Organization and currently serves as a mentor to budding business owners. Choquette is a full member of the local Residential Council, which brings public and private developers, city leaders and their consultants together in housing policy, placemaking and residential Development for the San Diego region. He holds a bachelor's degree in classical guitar, and an Entrepreneurial Masters Program degree from MIT.



#### Gabriel Bristol

Gabriel Bristol is the CEO and president of Intelicare Direct, a leading customer service solutions company. He is widely recognized as one of today's most talented customer service CEOs because of his track record of developing turnkey solutions, effective customer care and sales programs for small and medium size businesses across various industries. He was a child of the foster system. He was abused and bullied in high school, which ultimately led to him dropping out. Bristol lived for a time on the streets in Michigan and later in Los Angeles. Now in his 40s, he oversees over 500 employees.



# **Daisy Adato**

Daisy Adato is the founder of Basil Brands, a branding agency. She studied business management at San Diego State and graduated with a bachelor's degree in science. She also attended the Art Institute of California-San Diego from which she graduated with a B.A. degree in advertising. Adato owned and operated the International Dance Company for 10 years, and sold the company to the Ballet Conservatory before she turned 27. She is a former counselor of the Ken Jewish Community and was a design volunteer for the Beth Ellyahu Torah Center.



#### Bill Trumpfheller

Bill Trumpfheller is president of Nuffer, Smith, Tucker, an award-winning public relations firm and interactive firm. He is a nationally-known expert with 30 years of experience in public relations, integrated marketing, strategic planning and branding. He began his career at Nuffer as an intern in 1986. Trumpfheller earned a degree in public relations at San Diego State under the tutelage of public relations legend Glen M. Broom. He has served on the boards of United Way of San Diego, LEAD San Diego, San Diego Tourism Authority and Ronald McDonald House Charities.