

Biographical Information for Lynn M. Wendell

Since she began to accept advisory engagements ten years ago, Lynn has advised many nonprofit boards in California and a small number of additional boards on the east coast and internationally. Most of Lynn's work has been in the independent school community.

Lynn's work typically deals with Board governance, development and the board's role in development, Board Chair coaching, retreat facilitation, Head transition, Mission and Vision process, Strategic Planning, organizations facing potentially severe financial situations, and other special projects or challenges.

For more than 20 years before offering her services to others, Lynn served on the boards of trustees of three San Francisco independent schools. From 1989-1995, Lynn was a Trustee of Town School for Boys, where she also served as Chair of the Annual Fund (1994-1995), Chair of the Buildings and Grounds Committee during a theater and library renovation, Co-Chair of a \$6 million capital campaign and Vice-Chair of the Board for her final two years. At The Hamlin School, Lynn served as a Trustee from 1996-2003 and was a founding member of the Board's Committee on Community as well as a member of the Development and Finance committees. From 1996-2004 Lynn served on the Board of Trustees of San Francisco University High School (UHS) and was Board Chair from 1999-2004, during which time there was a Head of School transition, a \$2 million effort to raise funds for technology, a theater renovation and a major \$10.0 million campaign to raise funds for endowment. After completing her term as Chair, Lynn became a Trustee Emerita of UHS and co-chaired a \$15.0 million building campaign that successfully concluded in June, 2009. Lynn was involved in the development of strategic plans for all three schools during her periods of board service.

In addition, Lynn has served as vice-chair of Northern California for the UC Berkeley Parents Fund, Co-Chair of the Dartmouth Parents Fund, class captain of the Williams College Parent Fund, and a member of the Summerbridge San Francisco Advisory Board. She is a former member of the advisory board for the UC Berkeley Graduate School of Education a former member of the development committee of KIPP Bay Area Schools. She is currently Vice-Chair of the Board, member of the executive committee, and Chair of the Development Committee of the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy. She is a past member of the trustee committee of the California Association of Independent Schools (CAIS) and ISCA (Independent Schools Chairpersons Association), and she has presented at several CAIS annual conferences.

Lynn and her husband, Peter, live in San Francisco and have six children ranging in age from 24-32. Lynn's prior work experience includes account management positions at NW Ayer (New York), J. Walter Thompson (Chicago) and J. Walter Thompson (San Francisco) during the period 1977-1984. Lynn graduated from Princeton University in 1977 with an A.B. in English Literature. Her other interests include classical piano, hiking and spinning/cycling.