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CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Vice President, Synergics Energy LLC

Annapolis-based international alternative energy company. Developing new projects for wind- and solar-generated energy in Maryland, including the first major wind energy-generating and photovoltaic array projects in the state.

Board Director and Commissions

- Annapolis Symphony Orchestra (*Chair, Board Nomination and Development Committee*)
- Chesapeake Bay Legal Alliance (*Developing recommendations on legal action and legislation to improve enforcement of environmental laws concerning the Chesapeake Bay.*)
- Maryland State Prosecutor Selection & Disabilities Commission (*Appointed by Governor O'Malley in 2010; it recommends individuals to fill State Prosecutor positions to the Governor and conducts investigations and makes recommendations on alleged Prosecutor misconduct.*)
- Maryland League of Conservation Voters, Anne Arundel County Steering Committee
- Johns Hopkins-Cuba Exchange Program
- Institute for Security Studies, Czech Republic
- U.S. Sailing Hall of Fame

Director, "The Forum"

Organizing and moderating a monthly public discussion with experts and authorities on key Foreign Policy/National Security topics, sponsored by Maryland's "What's Up" magazine.

Associate Producer, The Filmsters, LLC

Development of projects for independent film production company based in Annapolis and Los Angeles. (*Currently planning a documentary on Cuba and Cuban perspectives on new opening with the U.S. and a feature film on China's international activities.*)

Activities on Climate Change

- Participant, Climate Change Project created by Vice President Al Gore – Presenter on climate issues at university, government, community and business forums
- Appointed working member, Commission on Climate Change of Maryland, established by Maryland Governor, 2007-09, developing comprehensive climate action plan
- Represented U.S. Senate Majority Leader Robert Byrd on delegation to Kyoto Treaty negotiations on climate change.

RECENT BACKGROUND

U.S. –China Economic and Security Review Commission, 2001-2007

Bipartisan Congressional advisory body tasked to examine and report to Congress on the full range of economic and national-security related U.S.-China relations. Elected Chairman for two terms. Developed the legislation creating this body in 2001, appointed to serve for three terms by Senate Democratic Leaders. Testified before Congressional Committees, produced extensive annual report and recommendations to U.S. Congress, managed hearings and speaking engagements across the country.

Elected Member, House of Delegates, Maryland General Assembly, 1998-2002 • Annapolis District

Member, Appropriations Committee, Subcommittee on Education. Reviewed state education budgets and initiatives. Member, Chesapeake Bay Trust, which administers state grants to education, community and environmental groups to restore Bay ecosystems. Numerous initiatives as Delegate including environmental and Chesapeake Bay preservation, public school education initiatives, federal project funding, and incentives for the film industry.

Member, Trade Deficit Review Commission, 1999-2000

Bipartisan Congressional investigating commission reporting to Congress on the nature of and solutions to the nation's trade deficit. Appointed by Democratic Leader.

Senior Staff, Counsel, U.S. Senate, 1975-1998

Numerous high level positions, including:

- Counsel to Senate Appropriations Committee under Senator Robert C. Byrd, lead staff on Foreign Policy, National Defense and Trade
- Staff Director and Counsel to Majority Leader for International, Trade and National Security Policies, hiring and managing legislative assistants and interns on Foreign Policy and National Defense matters; lead Senate staff for senior bipartisan group on Arms Control negotiations with the Soviet Union and Alliance relations; lead Senate staff in developing positions on Global Warming issues
- Chief of Staff, Senator Abraham Ribicoff
- Legislative Director, Senator James Jeffords

MILITARY SERVICE**U.S. Navy, 1968-1998 (retired as Captain)**

5 years of active duty included:

- Served on USS KING (DLG-10), a Frigate in the Pacific Vietnam theatre, 1971-73, during Vietnam War
- U.S. Naval Academy, 1968-71, Assistant Professor of Government, teaching a total of six different courses in U.S. Government and Economics over a three-year period; Assistant Varsity Basketball coach, sailing coach.
- 25 years in the Navy Reserve, assignments included U.S. Embassy, Beijing; the Pentagon; U.S. Naval Academy, lecturer in U.S. Government courses; on USS Eisenhower during Desert Shield; and U.S. Forces Southern Command, Italy involving U.S./NATO operations in the Balkans.

EDUCATION

- BA (honors), Cornell University, 1964
- MA, the Fletcher School, 1965
- Harvard Law School, 1966
- JD, Georgetown University Law School, 1980
- Member of the Bars of Maryland, the District of Columbia, and Colorado.

PERSONAL

Married to Dorothy Walsh, Vice President of External Affairs, Qwest Communications, a Fortune 200 corporation. Participates in community activities benefiting children and education.

Sports: Sailing, Skiing, Tennis