



## Board of Directors

### **Ces Erdman, President**

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The Cape Fear Parrot Sanctuary was founded in 2013 by Ces Erdman. With his first hand-raised cockatiel at age three, he developed an affinity for birds of the parrot family. He manages the day-to-day operation of the Sanctuary, conducts many educational events through the year, and supervises volunteers at the Sanctuary.

### **Charlotte Almada, Vice President**

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Charlotte Almada has lived in Whiteville, NC, since 2008. She is employed by the NC Museum of Forestry as the Operations Manager. Charlotte's interest in volunteer work and passion for animals began as a child. By the time she was ten years old, she was volunteering for the local animal shelter. It was this experience that sparked her lifelong devotion to the welfare of abused and homeless animals. Since 2008, Charlotte has been a volunteer for the NC Museum of Forestry. While living in NY she spent five years volunteering for Operation Wild Cats, a trap-neuter-release program responsible for the spay and neuter of four hundred feral cats annually. Her deep understanding and love of parrots stems from a lifetime of caring for rescued birds. Her prior working experiences include the Madison Cortland Alternatives Resources & Choices, caring for mentally challenged adults, and the Veterinary Medical Center of central New York.

### **Alan Smith, Treasurer**

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Alan Smith has a long career in financial management. He was purchasing agent for the Cape Craftsman Company. He owned and managed his own company, Smith and Son Heating and Air Conditioning, before selling it to a larger regional company. Since 2000, he has been engaged as property manager for multiple unit properties at Wrightsville Beach, NC, where he handles day-to-day operations, financial reports to board members, and staff. He has been involved in the Cape Fear Bird Sanctuary since its founding in 2013.

### **Shannon Mackay, Secretary**

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Shannon has been an entrepreneur for many years as a photographer, printer, and wedding and funeral officiate. She has served on many boards of directors including the Parents Advisory Board, and the Island Women Board where she is Vice President. She started Mini-Wings Parrotlet Harnesses in 2013.

### **Shawn Fuchs, Director-at-Large**

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Mr. Fuchs was self-employed by age 12, starting a lawn mowing business after school. Today he is the owner of a body shop, Mirror Image, Inc., in Hampstead, NC, and he serves as president of the Home Owners Association in his housing development. He and his wife and her son have an Amazon parrot who seems to prefer Shawn to the rest of the family! He continues to challenge himself everyday and enjoys helping others in any way he can. He has been an active volunteer at the Cape Fear Parrot Sanctuary since 2014.

## **Board of Advisors**

### **Dr. Greg Burkett, DVM**

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Dr. Burkett has extensive experience in aviculture - breeding, professional hand feeding techniques, expert nursery management protocols, comprehensive bird care philosophies. This experience has given him a thorough understanding of how pet birds should best be cared for and how to best present this information to pet bird owners and potential owners. He and his wife own a pet bird store in Durham, Birdie Boutique, and an avian supplies distribution company, Diamond Avian Distributors, Inc. which carries over 4000 different bird care products and supplies.

He is Board Certified in Avian Practice <http://www.abvp.com>, and he is an adjunct professor at the North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Burkett is currently serving on the Board of the American Federation of Aviculture as the Southeastern Regional Director.

## **Amy Martin**

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A graduate of Louisiana State University (LSU), Amy has worked and taught at LSU's Veterinary School, George Mason University, veterinary clinics, pet resorts, nature centers, aquariums, and zoos. For over a decade, Amy worked at one of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) top ranked zoos, the Audubon Zoo in New Orleans. Amy is the owner, founder, and chief operator of Conscious Companion™. She is an active member of the Pet Professional Guild, Doggone Safe, the Association of Professional Dog Trainers, and the International Association of Animal Behavior Consultants (IAABC). Amy is a member of the Advisory Team for Family Paws Parent Education. She is a licensed presenter of the Dogs & Storks® and the Dogs & Toddlers™ programs, and a Doggone Safe 'Be A Tree' presenter. Amy is married and lives in the Washington, D.C. area.

## **Alison McCollum**

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Alison, formerly a professional in human resources management, is currently free lancing as a writer and editor. She has owned or fostered budgies, cockatiels, peach fronted conures, and mustached parakeets for many years.

**Cape Fear Parrot Sanctuary** is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt charitable organization.

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