



THE CHICAGO NETWORK

# Sandra Guthman

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## **Chairman and Former CEO Polk Bros. Foundation**

### **Board Membership of Interest**

public or private company technology or consumer goods

### **Board Member Characteristics**

Broad range of experience including serving on the boards of a publicly-traded bank, an employee-owned engineering consulting firm (which was ultimately sold to a much larger firm) and two mutual fund families. My background is in technology marketing, during which I worked with large customers in the public sector, manufacturing, food and pharmaceuticals industries. My current responsibilities include supervising the asset management of a broadly diversified endowment portfolio of \$500 million.

### **Company Profile**

Chief executive officer of a philanthropic foundation with assets of about \$500 million, making grants to educational, social services, cultural and health care organizations in Chicago. Annual grants top \$20 million; annual operating expenses are about \$2 million, exclusive of investment management expenses.

### **Functional Expertise**

Marketing, technology, total quality management.

### **Are you a financial expert?**

No

### **Public and Private Company Boards**

Currently serve on the boards of Northern Funds and Northern Institutional Funds (over \$70 billion in assets); 10 years. Chair, Governance Committee. Served from 2001-2007 on the board of STS Consultants, Ltd. One of three outside independent directors for an employee-owned Vernon Hills, Ill.-based engineering consulting firm with more than 550 engineers, scientists and support personnel in 18 offices in the United States and the United Arab Emirates. Sold company to AECOM, a leading global provider of professional technical and management support services for government and commercial clients around the world. 1995-2000 served on the board of Avondale Financial Corp. succeeded by MB Financial, Inc. a publicly-traded bank holding company.

### **Non-Profit Boards**

Window to the World Communications (WTTW11 and 98.7WFMT) since 1974. Currently board chair. Harris Theater for Music and Dance since 1993. Chair from 1993 to 2004. Currently Chair Emerita. Hubbard Street Dance Chicago from 1983 to 2007. Previously Board Chair. Currently Chair, Advisory Council. Executive Committee of the Civic Consulting Alliance, formerly Chair.

### **Professional Associations and Civic Affiliations**

The Chicago Network Economic Club of Chicago. Commercial Club of Chicago

### **Education and Interest**

B.A. with Honors in Economics from Wellesley College, 1965.