



Deborah Lahey

Chicago Academy of Sciences/Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum,

Chicago, Illinois *President & CEO*

Dec 2009-Present

Selected by the Board to help stabilize and grow Chicago's oldest Museum with the newest building, after the downturn of 2008, and a number of years of leadership challenges. Having served on the Board for 5 years, joined the staff as the Executive VP, and then assumed the President and CEO role in July 2010.

Led, completed and implemented a strategic plan. Re-invigorated the senior management team, managed day to day operations and focused the organization on key strategic initiatives. Introduced a new positioning as the "urban gateway to nature and science," and expanded our audience base, resulting in moving the Museum into 6th place (up two places) in attendance rankings for Chicago's Museums in the Park. Mobilized 44 Trustees around 6 key revenue initiatives, leading to a strengthened financial position. Achieved record fundraising results, with new individual, corporate and foundation partners and supporters. In the last two years, rallied the Board and staff around a 2024 planning process to identify long term goals, resulting in new energy and plans for the future, and the initiation of a major comprehensive capital campaign.

Columbia College, School of Art & Design, Chicago, Illinois 1993-1997

Adjunct Faculty Course: Source of Material

Designed course that informed students of interior and exterior construction and materials using framework of the design process, from foundation to art collections. Goal was teaching students to frame and ask questions.

vanStraaten Art Gallery, Chicago, Illinois 1984-1991

Gallery Associate

Developed corporate and private art collections of various sizes and budgets. Handled inventories and appraisals for corporate and private collections.

Perkins & Will

1978-1984

Senior Interior Designer

Domestic and international project portfolio included hospitals, corporate headquarters, law firms, and accounting firms. Coordinated all phases of interior design projects including client's budgets and interior and exterior teams. Also included programming, schematic design, design development, contract documents, and construction supervision.

CF Murphy/Interiors Inc. (Murphy/Jahn), Chicago, Illinois 1976-1978



Interior Designer

Domestic project portfolio included corporate headquarters and accounting firms. Participated in all phases of interior design projects.

EDUCATION

Chicago Academy of Fine Arts

Bachelor of Fine Arts 1976

NON PROFIT EXPERIENCE

Museums in the Park (MIP)

Treasurer, 2009-Present

St. Ignatius College Prep

Board of Trustee, 2012-2018

Vice Chair Greater Glory Capital Campaign \$30M, 2003-2008

Loyola University Chicago

IES/Institute of Environmental Sustainability

Advisory Board Secretary, 2009-2010

Advisory Board Inaugural Chair, 2007-2009

Loyola University Museum of Art/LUMA

Advisory Board Secretary, 2009-2010

Advisory Board Inaugural Chair, 2007-2009

Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences

Business Advisory Council, 2012-current

Chicago Academy of Sciences/Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum

Vice Chair, Board of Trustees, 2008-2009

Chair, Building and Grounds, 2006-2009

Board of Trustees, 2004-2009



THE CHICAGO NETWORK

Academy Council Member, 1997-1999

United Cerebral Palsy, Chicago Illinois

Board of Directors Secretary, 2008-2010

Board of Directors, 1998-2010

Operations Committee, 2007-2010

Southern School, Chicago Illinois

Board of Directors, 1985-1987

CLUBS

The Arts Club

The Chicago Club

The City Club

The Executive Club

The Women's Athletic Club