
KRISTI L. TRAIL, P.E.

OVERVIEW

Experienced senior-level manager committed to community engagement, professionalism, accountability, and results. Excellent interpersonal communications skills honed by collegial and supervisory roles in industry, non-profit organizations, and volunteer service. Deep understanding of scientific and technical environmental issues from decades of direct experience with field testing, laboratory analysis, reporting, risk assessment, and compliance matters with air, land, and water media. Key competencies include:

- Strategic Planning
- Building & Managing Teams
- Budgeting & Financial Management
- Project & Event Management
- Change Management
- Environmental Engineering

LAKE PONTCHARTRAIN BASIN FOUNDATION (LPBF), New Orleans, LA November 2016 - Present

Executive Director – Responsible for all aspects of governance and day-to-day operations of non-profit organization with operating budget of \$4 million, 13-member board of directors, and 23 employees and contractors. Innovative and energetic leader who ably balances the 30-year legacy of a science-based institution with the exciting opportunities and challenges of a dynamic environment and economy. Oversees LPBF’s administration, implementation of four programs (water quality, coastal sustainability, outreach-education, public access), and hosting 10,000 visitors/year on the south shore of Lake Pontchartrain:

- LPBF’s New Canal Lighthouse Museum and Education Center houses outreach, education, public access, development and visitor/gift shop manager and gift shop staff; new Lakefront Learning Lab, as well as 21 trained volunteer docents serving individual three-hour shifts, 12 per week (8001 Lakeshore Drive).
- LPBF’s Pontchartrain Beach Office houses executive and business office personnel as well as program staff for water quality and coastal sustainability programs in the Center for Energy Resources Management Bldg. on the University of New Orleans’ lakefront campus (2045 Lakeshore Drive, #339).

SERVICE TO NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

PRESERVATION RESOURCE CENTER, New Orleans

June 2016 – present

Integral participant in strategic planning for this 45-year old organization (established 1974).

AAZA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC. (AUDUBON AREA ZONING ASSOC.), New Orleans 2014 – present

Communications Chair: <http://www.audubonarea.org/>

PARKWAY PARTNERS, New Orleans, LA

2013 – present

Vice President

Led organizational Strategic Planning effort. Reviewed all aspects of program strategy, marketing/branding, board structure, staffing, and development for long-term sustainability. Chaired annual fundraiser (two years).

LSU GREATER NEW ORLEANS ADVISORY BOARD, New Orleans, LA 2013 - present

Active Board Member

Advocacy for LSU within the Greater New Orleans area, engaging state legislators and LSU senior leadership.

LSU HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER FOUNDATION, New Orleans, LA 2012 - 2019

Active Board Member

Led annual GiveNOLA day efforts for past two years, assisting with development for dedicated funds for chairs and professorships, increasing donations by 20% in one year.

RENEW SCHOOLS, New Orleans, LA

2015 - 2017

Finance Committee Member

Recommend financial policies to the Board, interpret it for the Directors, and monitor its implementation. Improved audit results from poor to good, over the past two years, by providing stringent oversight of the organization’s financial processes.

CORPORATE EXPERIENCE

ULTRA CONSULTING, LLC, New Orleans, LA

2016

Senior Environmental Engineer

Providing multi-media environmental permitting and compliance consulting services for manufacturing sites to resolve challenges and maintain compliance with federal and state environmental policies.

SHELL EXPLORATION & PRODUCTION COMPANY, New Orleans, LA

2002 – 2015

Senior Business Advisor; Environmental Manager

Directed teams of up to 18 technical professionals to support the offshore organization and managed budgets up to \$200M. Provided expert advice to the region regarding the balance of operational objectives, cost effectiveness, and environmental impact.

Previous experience includes environmental engineering and supervisory & project management roles with increasing responsibility at **Williams Refining & Marketing, ATC Associates,** and **ERM – Southwest.**

EDUCATION

**Bachelor of Science (BS), Civil &
Environmental Engineering**

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY, Baton Rouge, LA

**Master of Science (MS), Civil &
Environmental Engineering**

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY, Baton Rouge, LA

AFFILIATIONS

Member of the International Women's Forum – LA Chapter

Guest lecturer at Tulane University on Safety & Environmental Management Systems

Fellow of Loyola University Institute of Politics & Loyola Institute of Environmental Communications

CERTIFICATIONS

Professional Engineer, Active

Certified Hazardous Materials Manager, Inactive