

TransAct Hope Board of Directors



Tom Werlein, President

Tom graduated from Appleton East High School, the University of Wisconsin-Madison [Economics] and the University of Minnesota Law Center. While in law school, Tom crossed the line of faith and almost immediately began volunteering, first with the High School ministry at Wooddale Church in Eden Prairie, MN, and most recently with Transact Hope where he is able to put 1 Timothy 6:17-19 into daily practice. Tom has been married to Jeana for thirty some years and has four adult children. He enjoys playing golf, running and mountain biking, when he's not being an attorney for Sentry Insurance Company in Stevens Point.



Kris Koch, Vice President

Kris grew up in Racine, Wisconsin, graduating from Washington Park High School and the University of Wisconsin at Parkside. He performed his MBA studies at Campbell University (Fort Bragg, NC) and North Carolina State University. Kris spent the majority of his 43-year career working in executive management in the Graphic Arts Industry with assignments in Wisconsin, Kansas, North Carolina, Maryland, Michigan before finishing his career at Worzalla, Inc. in Stevens Point. Kris's volunteer history includes being a Hunter Safety Instructor, AAU Travel League Baseball Coach (13U to 18U) and United Special Sportsman Alliance Mentor for Disabled Kids and Veterans. Since moving to the Stevens Point area in 2011, Kris has volunteered in multiple ministries through Woodlands Church including Christmas Outreach Banquet, Spring into Action, Local Outreach Advisory Committee and Hooked for Life. He began volunteering at TransAct Hope in 2019 and was elected to the Board of Directors in September 2021. Kris accepted Christ into his life approximately 20 years ago and his goal since has been to help others prosper and succeed in life through prayer, goal setting, persistence (never giving up) and believing that Jesus has a plan for them. The challenges involved in rebuilding lives at TransAct Hope are substantial. The potential rewards are even greater.



Jessica Luisi, Secretary

Jessica was born in Milwaukee, raised in Adams County and moved to Stevens Point in 2013. She has two adult children. Jessica was one of the first participants in TransAct Hope, and because of her relationship with Jesus has been able to overcome many life obstacles. She has been employed with DigiCopy for 5 years and currently is the Operations Support Lead for the Central Wisconsin locations. Jessica's ongoing involvement with Woodland's Church ministries such as Jobs for Life, Spring into Action and the Moving Ministry enable Jessica to come alongside others giving back the very life lines Jesus gave her.



Collene Ottum, Treasurer

After experiencing many difficult life experiences, Collene Ottum developed a passion for serving the Lord by working with individuals and families in similar difficult circumstances. Collene has worked for Portage County in various financial capacities since 1987. She has a Master's Degree in Human Services Counseling (Addiction and Recovery) and a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration with a core in accounting, and an emphasis in human resource management and labor/management relations. Collene has served as a volunteer and board member for First Choice Pregnancy Resource Center, Destiny Point Women's Restoration Home, the Family Resource Center, Portage County Health and Human Services Employees Foundation, KASH Playground, and TransAct Hope. She has also served as a volunteer with Jobs for Life, Faith and Finances, Spring into Action, and Operation Christmas Child.

Daniel Flood

Dan Flood grew up in Central Wisconsin. He is married with four children. He graduated from UW-Stevens Point with a bachelor's in special education and biology, and from UW-Whitewater with a master's in business administration. He has 12 years of experience in healthcare, doing everything from cleaning toilets and providing hands-on care, to managing multiple facilities as an administrator. Beyond this, the only thing worth bragging about in his life is the prevalent grace of Jesus Christ. People come and go, and careers come and go, but faith in Christ sustains us and outlives us, the rest is chaff in the wind. Isaiah 1:16-17 says, "Cease to do evil, learn to do good, seek justice; rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow..." and Dan tries hard to answer that call, whether it's cleaning toilets, managing a building, or volunteering at church.



Doug Schneider

Doug has been serving as the Pastor of Outreach Ministries at Woodlands Church in Plover since 2008. Prior to serving at Woodlands, Doug spent 17 years in ministry with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship in Illinois. In 2012, Doug worked with a team of leaders from Woodlands and other churches to envision and found TransACT Hope, offering hope to their neighbors committed to improve their lives; connecting them to Christ, affordable housing and a community of caring people. Working with these and other great lay lead ministries fuels Doug's passion for bringing a clear articulation of the gospel to those who do not yet know Christ. Along the way, Doug enjoys fishing, hunting and when his body permits, running...especially when it allows him to come along side others who are eager to grow in Christ.



Craig Shuler

The Fox Valley native graduated from Neenah High School and UW-Milwaukee and has been a leader in ethical Christian professional corporate management for the past 27 years. For nine years, Craig opened and managed Kinko's stores across Wisconsin and metro Detroit, and since 2000, has served as President/CEO of DigiCopy, the company he also founded. Craig's other volunteer activities include Woodlands Church, Jobs for Life, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Salvation Army of Stevens Point, and the Portage County Literacy Council. Craig and his wife Julie have five children.



Daryl Woods

Daryl has experience working with individuals and families affected by domestic abuse and sexual violence. Daryl is also a talented drummer and is involved with the worship ministry at Woodlands Church. Daryl and his wife lead a Trauma Care group at Woodlands Church. Daryl has a heart for the Lord and for using his talents to serve others as the Lord directs.