



The Team

The Elephant Project is fortunate to have the support of visionary leaders from all segments of society who are committed to ending the senseless slaughter, trafficking, and inhumane treatment of this iconic animal. Our team continues to grow as our projects are implemented throughout the world.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

M. Dane Waters, President and Founder - Dane has worked on six continents with government officials, activists, academics and NGOs. He has worked on presidential and prime ministerial campaigns all over the world and has traveled to over 100 countries. He has consulted on projects with the United Nations, the U.S. Department of State and the International Republican Institute. He was a political appointee in President George H. W. Bush's administration, and served as the Political Director of the Humane Society Legislative Fund and the Humane Society of the United States, one of the largest NGOs in the U.S.

Dane has been drawn to the plight of elephants since he first saw an elephant in a zoo as a kid. He grew a strong attachment to Africa and Asia through his many travels to the continents. After decades of developing and executing solutions to difficult problems, he felt it was time to use his diverse experience and skills to help do what he could to find new ideas and new solutions to this epic struggle.

Brad Ketcher, Director and General Counsel - Brad has deep experience in state-level government, politics and law. He has served as the top appointed official in his home state of Missouri--- Chief of Staff in the Governor's Office. In that position, he oversaw the day-to-day operation of the executive branch, negotiated legislation, oversaw public communications campaigns, coordinated statewide issue management and oversaw important state litigation. He has also served as the Governor's Office Counsel and Legislative Director.

A graduate of Central Methodist College and Saint Louis University School of Law, Ketcher has also served as a Special Assistant Circuit Attorney in St. Louis - and most importantly, a lifelong animal lover.

Joe Maxwell, Director - Joe grew up on a family farm in the state of Missouri, USA. Maxwell has served his state as a state representative, state senator, and Lt. Governor. Joe began his political career as a campaign staffer for several legislative and state wide races. For a period of time he worked as a field director for then Leader Dick Gephardt. He is a founding member of the Democrat Legislative Campaign Committee and has run many caucus campaign programs. As a legislator Joe passed many bills that supported value added agriculture projects and programs for the family farmers and their traditional animal husbandry practices while working against large-scale, industrialized farms. He co-sponsored anti cockfighting legislation, legislation to regulate puppy mills and outlawed bestiality.

Joe is currently the Senior Political Director for the Humane Society Legislative Fund. He has been around animals his entire life and his passions for their humane treatment has been one of his core

guiding principles. Joe continues to farm with his brother and along with 50 other family farmers, they sell Global Animal Partnership humanely certified pork.

ADVISORY BOARD

Senen Antonio - Senen is a partner with an architect, urban designer and planner with nearly twenty years of international experience in sustainable design and planning, including plans for regions, military base redevelopment, transit-oriented development, disaster recovery, urban reclamation, revitalization and infill, and new towns, in Asia, Africa, Europe and North America. Antonio has managed projects across all phases from conceptual design through construction. He lectures widely, with a recent focus on Asia, with government and university-sponsored lecturers in China, Laos, Indonesia, and the Philippines, and he contributes articles to professional journals.

Carmen Berg – Carmen is a leading specialist in luxury real estate with Sotheby’s International Realty having worked previously with Rodeo Realty and Joyce Rey’s distinguished team at Coldwell Banker Previews International in Beverly Hills. She is a graduate of the renowned World Wide College of Auctioneering in Mason City, Iowa and is one of the few licensed female auctioneers in the country. Carmen is well connected within cross-cultural communities and has extensive experience representing prestigious property transactions on behalf of Turkish and Middle Eastern clients. Carmen is very active with animal welfare issues, participating in charity events, fundraising activities and volunteer work.

David Casselman – David is a Los Angeles trial lawyer with a passion for animals and conservation, worldwide. He has been particularly focused upon saving elephants, both in captivity and in the wild, for decades. Apart from his busy litigation practice, he has championed the cause of animals in a variety of ways. One of his more significant legal victories involves an 8-year pro bono litigation against the City of Los Angeles to stop the abuse of elephants at the L.A. Zoo. His victories at trial and through the Court of Appeal have opened the door for future legal challenges against public entities, which are similarly abusing their animals.

David is also the creative force behind, and a co-founder of, the Cambodia Wildlife Sanctuary. It is a one-million-acre jungle sanctuary, located one hour north of the world famous Angkor Wat temples in Cambodia. The Sanctuary receives volunteers weekly, who help develop the facilities and work with the four elephants the Sanctuary has already saved from oppressive conditions. The Sanctuary is a fully functioning facility, working with the local community, growing its own food, and protecting a wide range of indigenous species, with an emphasis on Asian elephants.

David is also fully committed to developing many more sanctuaries across the globe. He recognizes the urgent need to protect the rapidly diminishing wild spaces, which now remain and the animals that call them home. With his legal background and experience in animal and conservation causes, he is excited about teaming up with The Elephant Project to help make our mutual dreams a global reality.

Michael Y.M. Kau, PhD – Michael is a Senior Fellow at Taiwan Foundation for Democracy, a non-profit national think tank devoted to the study and promotion of democracy and human rights. Previously, he served as Taiwan’s Representative to the European Union, and was Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and founding President of the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy.



Born and raised in Taiwan, Dr. Kau studied political science at National Taiwan University and earned his PH. D. degree in comparative politics and international relations at Cornell University. He had a long and distinguished academic career in the United States, before returning to Taiwan to serve in government. He was a Professor of Political Science and Director of the East Asian Security Program at Brown University for over thirty years, during which he also served as faculty advisor to various East Asian programs /centers at Columbia, Cornell, and Harvard Universities.

David F. Klein - David is a litigation partner located in Pillsbury's Washington, DC, law office. His practice focuses on resolving disputes with insurance carriers through litigation and negotiations. David is experienced in matters involving general and excess liability, pollution legal liability, first party/business interruption, fidelity/crime, directors and officers and errors and omissions coverage. David has been a lifelong animal lover and devotes a significant portion of his time to pro bono activities including those that protect animals from inhumane treatment.

Adam M. Roberts - Adam has spent the past quarter century working for animal protection and wildlife conservation in Washington, DC. Adam has significant expertise working on issues of international wildlife trade and captive wild animals. He also serves on the board of directors of the **Species Survival Network** and is a founding member of the board of the **Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries**. He is also the founder of **The \$10 Club**, a micro-philanthropic organization funding poverty alleviation projects in developing countries.

Daniel Schily – Daniel is a member of the Supervisory Board of Voith, one of the largest business conglomerates in the world. Daniel is very active in efforts to bring greater democracy to government institutions. He is a co-founder of Democracy International and in 1988 he helped establish the German democracy organization, Mehr Demokratie. Since then he has dedicated his life to realizing more democracy and citizens' participation in Germany and at global level. Daniel, along with his wife and four children, have been strong supporters of animal issues globally. He studied philosophy and mathematics at the University of Bonn, Germany.

Stevi Stoesz – Stevi is the Executive Director of the Indianapolis City Market and a twenty-two year veteran of public market, event and program management. She founded the Original Farmers Market in 1997 in downtown Indianapolis and was a featured speaker at the Project For Public Spaces' 4th and 9th International Public Markets Conference in Seattle, Washington and Barcelona, Catalonia, Spain, respectively.

Stevi is a member of the Humane Society of the United States' Indiana State Council. She is active in animal welfare issues and has planned several fund raising events for regional animal welfare nonprofit organizations. Stevi volunteers for many of those groups including German Shepherd Rescue Indy, Indianapolis Animal Care & Control, Humane Society of Indianapolis and Mobile Mutts, a canine transport group that pulls death-row dogs from high-kill shelters in the South to the safety of screened and approved foster-based rescues throughout the Midwest. She is also a member of Indiana Animal Rights Alliance and Mercy For Animals. Stevi is an avid motorcyclist and founded an all-female motorcycle club in Indianapolis called the Circle City Soft Tails in 2013.

Joe Trippi - Joe was heralded on the cover of The New Republic as the man who “reinvented campaigning,” and has been at the forefront of movement politics for nearly 30 years. Joe began his



political career working on Edward M. Kennedy's presidential campaign in 1980 and has worked on numerous presidential, gubernatorial, senate, and congressional campaigns in the United State and around the world since - many within Africa. In 2008, Joe helped Morgan Tsvangirai and the Movement for Democratic Change receive the most votes, and helped garner international media attention to Robert Mugabe's democratic subversion and violence, which led to a 'unity' government and Tsvangirai becoming Prime Minister of Zimbabwe.

In 2010, Joe was a senior strategist and media consultant in Jerry Brown's successful run for California Governor. He is the author of "The Revolution will not be Televised: Democracy, the Internet and the Overthrow of Everything," which chronicles his revolutionary use of the Internet in political campaigning. Joe has consulted on animal welfare issues all over the world and maintains his own animal sanctuary in Maryland.

Connie Harriman Whitfield - Connie was appointed by President George H.W. Bush as Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks for the Department of Interior where she oversaw both the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Park Service. As Assistant Secretary, she played a key role in the American ban and also the worldwide ban on the trade in elephant ivory. She was subsequently appointed director at the U.S. Export-Import Bank of the United States. Previously, she had served as Associate Solicitor at the Department of Interior, at the department of Justice and as a private practice attorney in Los Angeles. A longtime volunteer in animal protection work, Harriman-Whitfield also serves on the board of the Stephen Decatur House, the Friends of Nemours Wildlife Foundation, and the Women's Committee of the Washington National Opera. Connie is a Phi Beta Kappa and cum laude graduate of Stanford University and holds Bachelors and Master's Degrees from Stanford University and a Juris Doctorate Degree from the University of California at Los Angeles.

