

Sacramento 2009: E2 Delegation Bios

Meera Balakumar, *Independent Advisor*

San Francisco

Meera Balakumar currently provides independent advisory services to real estate private equity firms. She was previously with Presidio Partners LLC, where she participated in the due diligence, structuring and marketing of approximately \$7 billion in domestic and international real estate private equity transactions. Prior to that, she was with SG Cowen Securities and Banc of America Securities in their investment banking divisions. Meera volunteers with Imagine H2O, a Bay Area non-profit platform for innovation in the water sector, is a member of the Full Circle Fund's Energy and Environment Circle, and serves as a pro bono consultant to the International Network of Alternative Financial Institutions (INAFI Bangladesh) and Blue Rhino Consult BV (Netherlands). She has a BA double in Economics and International Area Studies from the University of California, Berkeley.

Tony Bernhardt, *Angel Investor; Physicist, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory*

Berkeley

Tony Bernhardt recently retired from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory where for a decade served as Director of LLNL's Center for Microelectronics and Optoelectronics. In that position, he developed partnerships with the private sector for technology development and commercialization. In recognition of his work with corporate partners, from Fortune 500 companies to start-ups, he earned the Department of Energy Federal Laboratory Consortium Award for Excellence in Technology Transfer. More recently, Tony became an angel investor in four start-up companies in California. He has published more than 32 scientific papers and holds 10 patents. He earned a Bachelor's in mathematics from the University of California, Los Angeles, and a Ph.D. in Applied Science from the University of California, Davis, where he was a Fannie & John Hertz Foundation Fellow.

Maureen Blanc, *E2 Northern California Chapter Leader*

San Francisco

Maureen Blanc was President of Blanc & Otus Public Relations, a high-tech consultancy firm sold to Hill & Knowlton in 1999. She was Director of the Global Technology Practice for Hill and Knowlton from 2000 to 2002. Maureen has been working in the non-profit sector for the past five years, most recently as Vice President of Marketing for the International Museum of Women. Maureen was a founding board member of Friends of the Children (San Francisco), and she currently serves on the board of trustees for the World Affairs Council of Northern California.

Steve Chadima, *Vice President of External Affairs, Suntech America*

Laguna Beach/San Francisco

Steve Chadima is responsible for strategy and execution of all public affairs, investor relations and communications activities of Suntech America. Steve has been involved with the solar and renewables industries since 1983, when he managed a nonprofit corporation in Portland, Oregon, providing services and financial incentives for energy conservation, solar and alternative energy to residents and businesses. Since that time, Steve has been involved with a wide variety of solar and other technology start-ups, including hardware, software and Internet companies, and has worked extensively in Washington, DC, and Sacramento to shape policies and programs to help grow nascent industries. He currently serves as the chairman of the board of directors of the Solar Alliance, an association of the leading PV manufacturers, integrators and financiers working with states to adopt cost-effective solar policies and programs.

John Cheney, *Senior Vice President of Business Development, Regensis Energy*

San Francisco

John Cheney is currently developing utility scale solar projects including related transmission lines in Southern California. After founding several successful venture start ups where he led strategic planning, management and product development Mr. Cheney joined MMA Renewable Ventures in 2006 as Vice President of Sales and Business Development, which became in less than two years, the largest financier of solar photovoltaic installations in the US with interests in biomass and wind. Prior to his appointment at MMA Renewable Ventures, Mr. Cheney was CEO, Founder, and Managing General Partner of several Information Technology companies.

David Cheng, *Associate, Ridgewood Capital*

Palo Alto/San Francisco

David Cheng is an associate with Ridgewood Capital, a venture capital firm focused on clean and energy technology. Prior to Ridgewood, David was a senior associate with IDG Ventures in Vietnam. Before that, David was an investment banking analyst at Banc of America Securities where he transacted on multiple IPO, secondary and convertible offerings. Early in his career, David was an analyst for Sempra Energy Solutions in the natural gas

portfolio management group. David currently volunteers with JUCCE (Joint U.S.-China Cooperation on Clean Energy). David received his BS in Business Administration from the University of California, Berkeley.

Rick DeGolia, Chairman and CEO, Green Wireless Systems, Inc.

Atherton

Rick DeGolia is a fourth-generation Californian and an entrepreneur with a J.D. from Harvard Law School. Green Wireless Systems is a highly innovative irrigation products company that is focused on reducing non-agricultural landscape water use by 50% with radio-controlled water valves and moisture sensors. Rick previously served 11 years as a business attorney in Palo Alto with Wilson, Sonsini, Goodrich and Rosati, representing early-stage Silicon Valley software and customer service companies, as well as venture capital organizations and investment banks. In 1996, Rick joined Genesys Telecommunications, where he managed strategic planning and business development for over five years, until the company was sold to Alcatel. He then co-founded Apptera, a call center software company, where he worked until he retired in 2006. He is proud to have helped create more than 1,000 jobs in California with these companies. Rick has 10 U.S. patents issued, representing five families of technology inventions. He graduated magna cum laude from the University of California, Berkeley, with a BA in American Studies.

Bob Epstein, Co-founder, E2, New Resource Bank, Sybase, Inc.

Berkeley

Bob Epstein is an entrepreneur and engineer with a Ph.D. from the University of California at Berkeley. He is a co-founder of five companies: Sybase, New Resource Bank, GetActive Software, Zight, and Britton-Lee. Dr. Epstein currently splits his professional time between his roles as co-founder of Environmental Entrepreneurs, Director of New Resource Bank, and Trustee of the Natural Resources Defense Council. He is Vice Chairman of California's Economic and Technology Advancement Advisory Committee for AB 32. Dr. Epstein's community activities are focused on the environment, public education, and opera.

Nicole Lederer, Co-founder, Environmental Entrepreneurs

Palo Alto

Nicole Lederer is Co-Founder of Environmental Entrepreneurs, focusing on growing E2's pro-environment business constituency, establishing collaboration between business and environmental leaders and creating a positive dialogue with legislators at the state and national levels. She leads E2's Advisory Board where E2's regional and national strategies are formulated and managed. Ms. Lederer also leads E2's federal advocacy agenda, supporting policies that foster environmental innovation, sustainable economic development and green job creation. Since 2002, she has led E2 delegations to Washington to meet with House and Senate members, as well as representatives from the Executive Branch. Ms. Lederer serves on the board of NRDC, the Natural Resources Defense Council. She is a frequent speaker on green job creation and other business benefits related to environmental policy.

Laura Shenkar, Principal, The Artemis Project

San Francisco

Laura is one of the leading experts on advanced water technology and its potential for the commercial and institutional markets. With over 20 years of experience launching game-changing technology into emerging markets, she was one of the first to focus upon the business opportunities for integrated product offering for water management. Laura works with a diverse group of leading water technologies from stormwater filtration to microbial fuel cells to speed their market introduction. She also works with a limited number of large corporations, such as Wal-Mart and Novozymes, on their water management strategies. Laura actively supports environmental policy initiatives. She is a member of the NSF Onsite Water Think Tank, the Alliance for Water Efficiency and the WaterReuse Association. She has organized industry forums at WEFTEC and the University of California, Berkeley, and presented at research conferences at Ben Gurion University in Israel, and the University of California, Los Angeles. Laura has written widely on investment opportunities in advanced water technology, and organizes events at Going Green, the VC Taskforce and Astia. Laura works closely with the Denmark Innovation Centre, the Israeli Ministry of Industry and Trade and the Water Netherlands Partnership.

Lee Stein, Chairman & CEO, Virtual Group, LLC

San Diego

Lee Stein is Chairman of Stein & Stein, Inc., which provides advisory and management services to high-net-worth individuals, principally in the entertainment industry. He has had various operating roles, including Chairman of the Board and CEO of IZ.com, Inc. (recently acquired by PopMail.com, Inc.); Chairman of the Board, CEO, and President of First Virtual Holdings (known today as Message Media) at the time of the company's initial public offering on the NASDAQ Stock Market; Director and President of Seaport Village on the waterfront in San Diego, California; Director and Controller of WestAir Airlines (DBA) United Express; and as an Officer/Director in various

private entities. In 1995, Newsweek named Mr. Stein as one of the fifty people to watch for in the future. Mr. Stein is credited as a co-inventor of email messaging processes. He received his Law degree from Villanova University School of Law, where he was a member of the Law Review, and his B.S. degree in Accounting from Syracuse University. After law school, he was a Tax Specialist with Coopers & Lybrand. He participates in a number of educational and civic organizations. Mr. Stein resides in San Diego, with his wife June, and their three children.

Bill Unger, *Partner Emeritus, Mayfield Fund*

Menlo Park

Bill has been in the venture capital industry for over 20 years. His focus has been on enterprise software and companies related to the semiconductor industry. He is currently on the boards and advisory boards of five privately held companies. Bill is active in philanthropy. His current activities include Board Member of CARE USA, Chairman of youthNoise, Vice-Chairman of The Anita Borg Institute for Women and Technology, Advisory Board member of the Deans of Engineering of The University of California, Berkeley, and The University of Illinois at Chicago, and an active member of Environmental Entrepreneurs. Bill earned an A.B. in Education from the University of Illinois.

Christopher Vargas, *Managing Partner, The Cleantech Circle, LLC*

Los Altos Hills

Christopher Vargas has been an internet entrepreneur since the late 1980s. In 1988 he started his career building secure Internets around the world for the U.S. government. Chris has served as a senior executive at Cisco Systems, President of F-Secure Ltd., a Helsinki-based internet security company, and CEO of Proficient Networks, a San Francisco-based networking infrastructure company. In 2003 he founded Generations Investments LLC, a private investment company. He was a member of The Angels Forum, an early-stage venture capital group in Palo Alto, from 2005 to 2008. In 2007, Chris co-founded The Cleantech Circle, LLC, an early-stage Cleantech investment partnership. Today, he is an active Cleantech private investor. Chris was a Fulbright scholar to Finland (1987-88) and received a M.S. Electrical Engineering ('87) and B.S. Computer Engineering ('85) from the University of Notre Dame. Christopher is active in local community, serving on the board of Social Ventures Silicon Valley, as Chairman of the Los Altos Hills Pathway Committee, member of Environmental Entrepreneurs, and a founder/board member of the Bullis Charter School in Los Altos. He lives in Los Altos Hills with his wife and three children.

Mary M. Yang, *President & Founder, KAIROS Scientific Inc.*

San Diego

Mary Mei-Ling Yang is President of KAIROS Scientific Inc., a biotechnology company she founded in 1991 and managed for 17 years. In addition to commercial contracts from pharmaceutical, chemical manufacturing companies and research institutions, KAIROS's innovations were recognized by the awarding of 25 government grants and contracts (NASA, NIH, DOE, and NSF). In addition to KAIROS, Mary has also held positions at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the ETH in Zurich, Switzerland, California Institute of Technology, NASA's Ames Research Center and the Jet Propulsion Lab. In 1998, she was nominated for NASA's Woman-Owned Subcontractor of the Year. Mary was educated at the University of California, Berkeley, (BS, Chemistry, 1984) and Princeton University (Ph.D., Geology, 1988) where she was an NSF Graduate Fellow. She has numerous publications and is an inventor on 12 issued patents.