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**Coronado Ventures Forum Announces 2004 Board**

**Los Alamos, NM – June 1, 2004** — Coronado Ventures Forum, the New Mexico organization that links investors and entrepreneurs, has announced its Board of Directors membership for 2004. The CVF Board consists of business, technology, and regional development leaders. Board president Kevin Holsapple is serving his second term. All members are volunteers who serve without compensation:

**Brian Barnett** is President of SatWest LLC, a commercial satellite products and service provider, and a business advisory services firm. Previously he was with KPMG Consulting. He began his career at NASA where he managed space shuttle experiments. Mr. Barnett holds a B.S. from the University of Oklahoma and a M.S. from the University of Alabama.

**Randy Burge** is president of ProActive Tools, a technology consulting company. Formerly, he was the Director of the Office of Science and Technology at the NM Economic Development Department. He is founder and President of the NM Information Technology & Software Association (NMITSA) and serves on several boards.

**Mike Connolly** is a Principal with vSpring Capital, an early-stage venture capital investment firm with an office in Los Alamos, NM. He most recently served as Technology Commercialization Executive at Los Alamos National Laboratory, where he founded the Tech Mat Fund. Mike moved to LANL from Silicon Valley where he co-founded 7 biomedical companies with a combined market value of \$250M.

**Susan Gorges** is currently a Field Operations Director for Technology Ventures Corporation in northern New Mexico. Gorges works with clients in developing their technologies for introduction to commercial markets and obtaining funding to grow their company. Gorges also serves on the Board of the Santa Fe Business Incubator.

**Bill Heckel** is a financial consultant with A.G. Edwards, specializing in tax advantaged investing, wealth accumulation and investment banking. Prior to moving to Santa Fe, Bill focused on the operation and financial restructuring of industrial concerns.

**Hugo Hinojosa** is the Director of the Space Alliance Technology Outreach Program (SATOP) for the Regional Development Corporation, which provides technical assistance to small businesses throughout the State. Hugo has served on the CVF Board since 1995.

**Kevin Holsapple** is the Executive Director of the Los Alamos Commerce and Development Corporation, a non-profit that promotes economic development and supports small businesses in Northern NM. He serves as President of the Board of CVF.

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**Larry Icerman**, a CVF Founder, is President of Icerman & Associates, an advanced-technology management consulting firm in Santa Fe, NM. Larry also founded one of the first state-funded seed capital programs in the U.S. in 1984.

**Greg Kulka** is Director - Alternative Investments Portfolio at the New Mexico State Investment Council (NMSIC) where he oversees two private equity programs with total commitments of \$1 billion. Previously he managed an equity and fixed income assets portfolio for a Chicago property and casualty insurance company.

**Trevor Loy** is Managing Partner of Flywheel Ventures. He has founded, managed, and sold several tech firms, designed entrepreneurship courses at Stanford, and holds BSEE, MSEE, and MS Management degrees, each from Stanford.

**Dan Macuga** is a Managing Partner with Santa Fe Venture Partners, a General Partner with the Silicon Valley-based Venture Capital firm International Venture Fund I. IVF I is a seed and early stage Venture Capital group with investments in California, Utah, Hawaii, and New Mexico.

**Tom Meyer** is the Associate Director of Strategic Research at Los Alamos National Laboratory. Tom came to LANL in 2001 from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he was Kenan Professor of Chemistry and Vice Chancellor for Graduate Studies and Research. He is a member of the National Academy of Sciences and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and is one of the most highly cited chemists in the world.

**Tom Stephenson** is the Managing General Partner of Verge, a New Mexico technology seed fund. Before founding Verge, he was a General Partner for Murphree Venture Partners, an early-stage technology venture capital firm, and Chairman of the NM Information Technology and Software Association. He serves on the Board of MesoFuel, and has an MBA from UT Austin, and a BA in Physics from Rice University.

**Waneta Tuttle** is Owner and CEO of Southwest Medical Ventures, a company that founds and nurtures life sciences and health services businesses. Over the past 14 years she has served as start-up CEO for 5 new companies founded with innovative technologies and approaches for solving problems in health care. She is a member of the board of directors of the National Center for Genome Sciences (NCGR) and is a Member of the Corporation at the Charles Stark Draper Laboratories in Boston.

### **About Coronado Ventures Forum**

Coronado Ventures Forum was founded in 1994 by regional and business leaders to support technology-based, new-business funding and economic development in New Mexico. The organization's goals are to link and educate investors and entrepreneurs. These goals are promoted through the Forum's bimonthly meetings. Potential investors and entrepreneurs interested in meeting notification or in knowing more about the Forum are encouraged to register at the organization's website at [www.cvf-nm.org](http://www.cvf-nm.org).

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