



The Stone Soup Leadership Institute Board of Officers and Directors 2020-2021



Board President: Karen Stone McCown

Karen Stone McCown is the Chairman of the Board for Six Seconds and founder of The Synapse School. She is recognized as a pioneer of Emotional Intelligence she is featured in Daniel Goldman's bestselling book, *Emotional Intelligence*. She created the nation's first emotional intelligence curriculum, Self-Science, a program she facilitated for nearly 3 decades. Karen is author of numerous articles and books in education. Ms. Stone-McCown founded the Nueva School Hillsborough, California in 1967. In planning the school she met with educators, political & business leaders and Nobel Laureates to consider the educational needs of our society. She saw that the central foundation of a school should be not simply giving students knowledge, but giving them the opportunity to develop wisdom.



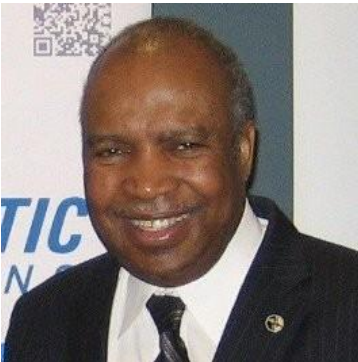
Daniel 'Nane' Alejandre is the Founding Director of Santa Cruz Barrios Unidos and the chairman of the National Coalition of Barrios Unidos. Celebrating its 41st anniversary Barrio Unidos is one of the nation's most impressive grassroots organizations addressing issues of youth violence in the U.S.. Nane is featured in the book *Stone Soup for the World: Life-Changing Stories of Everyday Heroes* and featured on the Institute's video with *In Celebration of Heroes* narrated by Walter Cronkite. Nane has served as faculty for the Institute's Youth Leadership Summit for Sustainable Development on Martha's Vineyard and Vieques, Puerto Rico.

**Nane Alejandre,
Barrios Unidos
Board Vice President**



**Carol Saysette,
Board Treasurer**

Carol Saysette is a thought leader in Creation Spirituality and leader of Spiritual Director for silent retreats. She is Co- Founder of the Pacific Center for Spiritual Formation. After graduating from Stanford University, Ms. Saysette was ordained in 1981 as a Minister in the United Church of Christ, and trained as a Spiritual Director at the Shalem Institute. For 20 years, she served as co-director of Community Congregational Church in Tiburon. She received her Ph. D in Jungian Psychology from Pacifica Graduate Institute and Pastoral Counselor at the Interfaith Counseling Center of the Bay Area. She served as Spiritual Director of the San Francisco Theological Seminary and is a Fellow in the American Association of Pastoral Counselors. Carol's first profession as a fifth grade teacher where she focused on an "Individualized" teaching-learning method laid the foundation for her professional life.



**Hulas King
Board Director**

Hulas King is featured in the book, *Stone Soup for the World: Life-Changing Stories of Everyday Heroes*. A cousin of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., he presented the Dr. King Award at the Institute's Celebration of Heroes with Walter Cronkite. Mr. King served as Chair of Global Diversity Council for Siemens PLM Software. During his Chairmanship the Council awarded \$1.2B grants to Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). As a Founding Member of Partners for the Advancement of Collaborative Engineering Education (PACE), Hulas linked industry partners to strategically selected academic institutions worldwide. Mr. King spent a year sabbatical serving **Focus: HOPE** in Detroit, Michigan to support their pledge to intelligent and practical action to overcome racism, poverty, and injustice. Mr. King served as faculty for The Institute's first Leadership Training on **Martha's Vineyard** and youth-community program in **Cincinnati, Ohio** and **Virgin Gorda Youth Leadership Initiative**.



**Marianne Larned
Stone Soup Leadership
Institute
Board Secretary**

Marianne Larned is the Institute's Founding Director and author of the *Stone Soup for the World: Life-Changing Stories of Everyday Heroes*. For 20 years Ms. Larned assisted corporate, education, government, civic and community leaders to develop public-private partnerships that improved public education, health care and economic development. A thought leader and spokesperson, sustainability champion, workforce development strategist and CSR pioneer, she catalyzes innovative public-private partnerships that address economic, social and environmental challenges. As a journalist, Ms. Larned wrote *The Business of Education* series for the *San Francisco Business Times*. Her international work includes the Philippine Foundation for Education and Economic Development, where she helped develop strategic alliances between business, government, media and community leaders to support their nation rebuilding efforts. For her pioneering and humanitarian work, Ms. Larned has been recognized Outstanding Young Woman of America and World Intellectual; listed in 2000 Notable American Women and the World Who's Who of Women. Her undergraduate studies at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst and the Rudolph Steiner Center in Scotland prepared her as an innovative teacher. Her graduate work at Boston University and California State University gave her the business and organizational development skills to catalyze changes in communities and develop public-private partnerships to build a better world.

The Stone Soup Leadership Institute meets annually.

Meetings are held either at the Institute's annual Youth Leadership Summit or in the late fall in California.

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