

Senior Management

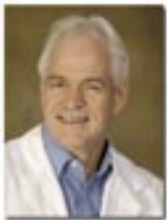


Marvin J. Slepian, M.D.
Co-Founder, Chairman, Chief Scientific and Medical Officer

Marvin J. Slepian, M.D. is Professor of Medicine (Cardiology), Director of Interventional Cardiology, and Director of the Tissue Engineering Lab at the University of Arizona. Dr. Slepian completed

his Internal Medicine training at NYU-Bellevue in New York where he was a Resident and Chief Resident in Medicine. He completed his Cardiology training at Johns Hopkins where he was a Clinical and Research Fellow. He completed a second fellowship in Interventional Cardiology at the Cleveland Clinic. Dr. Slepian has conducted extensive research, development and pre-clinical investigation of novel cardiovascular therapeutic methods and devices, and is the holder of over 25 issued and 41 filed patents. He is an expert in polymeric biomaterials and local drug delivery.

Dr. Slepian has founded numerous medical device companies, including Focal (NASDAQ-traded, acquired by Genzyme), Endotex, Angiotrax and Hansen Medical, and has served as acting CEO and Board Member of several medical device startups. He earned his AB in Biochemical Sciences and Science in Human Affairs from Princeton University, and his M.D. from the University of Cincinnati, College of Medicine, and has received additional post-doctoral training at MIT and Washington University.



Richard G. Smith, MSEE, CCE
Co-Founder and Chief Technical Officer

Richard G. Smith has been involved in the biomedical engineering field for 31 years, including 23 years exclusively with circulatory support devices. He

directs the Artificial Heart Program at University Medical Center in Tucson, the most experienced artificial heart center in the world. Mr. Smith has overseen more than 18,000 patient days (50 years) with 20 different support systems in more than 300 patients. He has been a principal scientist at SynCardia from its early stages, writing the FDA Investigational Device Exemption (IDE), conducting the clinical study and training centers around the world. He is co-author of more than 120 publications in the medical device field and has consulted for many medical device companies. Mr. Smith holds a Masters in Electrical and Computer Engineering from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and is a certified clinical engineer.



Dena Richter
Chief Financial Officer

Dena L. Richter graduated from Minnesota State University – Moorhead, Magna Cum Laude, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting and received a Juris Doctorate from the University of Minnesota Law School.

Ms. Richter joined SynCardia in 2004. She has more than 12 years of senior management experience in banking, human resources, information systems and corporate accounting functions in various industries including construction, automotive and FDA regulated food processing.



Rodger G. Ford
President and Chief Executive Officer

Rodger G. Ford is the co-founder of Anthem Equity Group, Inc., a Tucson real estate and business development company. Mr. Ford holds a B.S. degree in Accounting from Brigham Young University and an MBA from the University of Arizona.

Mr. Ford founded AlphaGraphics Printshops of the Future in 1970 and grew AlphaGraphics Printshops of the Future to 400 locations in 20 countries by 1998. AlphaGraphics was the first franchisor in the world to open a location in the Soviet Union (Moscow) and the first franchisor in the world to open a location in China (Beijing). Mr. Ford was Quick Printing Man of the Year in 1985, Arizona SBA Entrepreneur of the Year in 1986 (AlphaGraphics) and Ernst and Young Entrepreneur of the Year in 2000 (PETsHOTEL).



Mike Gaul
Chief Operating Officer

Michael A. Gaul graduated from Delaware Valley College in 1976 with a BS degree in Business Administration and received his MBA from the Florida Institute of Technology in 1986. He has more than 30 years of experience

in Manufacturing, Operations and General Management in the Medical Device, Public Safety, OEM Capital Equipment and Process Control Instrumentation Industries.

Mr. Gaul was previously VP Operations for Ventana Medical Systems, Tucson, AZ. Prior to joining Ventana Medical, Mr. Gaul held several senior executive positions with Robotic Vision Systems, Inc. (RVSI), a manufacturer of capital equipment for the semiconductor industry. Mr. Gaul has extensive training in lean manufacturing, quality, process and productivity improvements as well as international experience in Asia and Europe.



Mary Pat Sloan
Director of Global Training and Customer Support

Mary Pat Sloan was with AlphaGraphics Printshops of the Future for 25 years. She started the domestic and international franchise programs including setting up and conducting training classes,

as well as developing the curriculum and authoring the operating manuals. She was Managing Director of the AlphaGraphics Master Licensee for the former Soviet Union and lived in Russia for five years and Cyprus for two years.

She has an MBA in International Management from Thunderbird, 1977. She also has a B.S. in Political Science from the University of Arizona, 1976. Ms. Sloan was most recently with Invacare Corporation, a home medical device company in Elyria, OH, that makes custom wheelchairs and portable oxygen. She has been with SynCardia since December 2005.



J. David Mackstaller
VP, Sales and Marketing

J. David Mackstaller is the co-founder of Anthem Equity Group, Inc., a Tucson real estate and business development company founded in 1991. Mr. Mackstaller holds a B.A. degree in Economics from the University of Michigan

and a Juris Doctorate, Cum Laude, from the University of Michigan Law School. Mr. Mackstaller founded the Schomac Group, Inc. and National Self Storage.

Schomac Group owned and developed more than 4,000 apartment units and various commercial properties, including the Tucson Automall. National Self Storage grew to a 90 facility chain which had locations from Portland, Oregon, to Boca Raton, Florida. Mr. Mackstaller was the Ernst and Young Entrepreneur of the Year in 2000 (PETsHOTEL).



Cary Marcot
VP, Quality and Regulatory Affairs

Carole E. Marcot, Esq. is Vice President of Quality and Regulatory Affairs for SynCardia, responsible for quality engineering, regulatory compliance, domestic and international regulatory

affairs, quality systems and clinical affairs. Ms. Marcot joined SynCardia from Ventana Medical Systems, Inc., a manufacturer of in vitro diagnostic products, where she served as Vice President, Regulatory Affairs and Quality Systems. Prior to Ventana, she held similar positions with Impulse Dynamics, Inc., manufacturer of innovative implantable devices for heart failure, and CardioGenesis, Inc., manufacturer of unique devices for coronary artery disease. Her previous experience includes positions with Baxter Healthcare Corporation, Tokos Medical Corporation and Intermedics, Inc. She has taught Food, Drug and Cosmetic Law as an Adjunct Professor and served as founder and corporate secretary of a privately held company specializing in clinical trials.

Ms. Marcot received a Bachelor's degree in Biology from the College of St. Elizabeth and an MBA from the University of California, Irvine. She holds a JD from Western State University College of Law and is an active member of the California State Bar.



Donald Isaacs
Director of Communications

Donald Isaacs started with SynCardia in January 2006. Mr. Isaacs has over 25 years of hands-on experience directing the marketing for many fast-growth, successful companies including: AlphaGraphics, which grew from seven to more than 300 franchises;

Brake Masters, which grew from 41 to more than 83 stores; and Arizona Physicians Network, which grew from twenty to more than 100 OB/GYN physicians. Mr. Isaacs holds a B.A. degree in Marketing/Communications from the University of Arizona and was one of two non-academic instructors for the International Franchise Association's certification program.