# THE KENSICO CEMETERY DIRECTORS' BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

### **Class of 2021**

RAYMOND LOU Mr. Lou is a graduate of Wagner College and New York University School of Law, with a Bachelors of Law and Masters of Law (in Taxation) degrees. He is a retired partner of the law firm of Marino, Chambers & Lou, P.C. where he specialized in taxation, estate planning, trusts and estates administration, as well as real property and small business transactions and planning. He continues to consult with clients, other attorneys and accountants on special cases and projects and has served as Guardian Ad Litem for the Surrogate's Court of Westchester County on various estate and guardianship cases. Prior to his private legal practice, he was an Associate Tax Counsel for Gulf & Western Industries, Inc. and Consolidated Cigar Company and was an estate tax attorney for the Internal Revenue Service. Mr. Lou is Chair of the Pension Committee and he serves on the Audit Committee.

ELIZABETH PAYNE Reverend Payne is an ordained minister with Kingsway Fellowship International. She has ministered at the Valhalla Correctional Facility in Valhalla, NY, the New Rochelle Men's Homeless Shelter, the Home for Aged Blind in Yonkers, NY and in various other outreach ministries within Westchester County. In 1992 she established a Christian Mission in Bronx, NY which later became the Missionaries On the Move Christian Outreach Church in New Rochelle, NY where she now serves as pastor. Mrs. Payne received her Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Iona College in New Rochelle, NY, is a graduate of the New York State Banker's Association Trust and Investment School and has her Series 7, 63 and 65 licenses. She is a Director and Relationship Manager for Deutsche Bank in New York City where she has served as a client service professional for more than 25 years. Mrs. Payne is Vice-Chair of the Pension Committee and she serves on the Sales, Development & Environment Committee.

RICHARD A. SCHNALL Mr. Schnall is a graduate of the University of Tennessee with a Bachelor's Degree in Plant and Soil Science and a Masters Degree in Ornamental Horticulture and Landscape Design. He is Vice President of Rosedale Nurseries, Inc. where he has been involved in its horticulture program, personnel management, strategic planning and decision making. From 1986 to 1999 he worked at the New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, NY as Arboretum and Grounds Manager and Director of Horticulture, and served for nine years as Vice President responsible for planning, budgeting and implementing of a horticultural program for the 250 acre garden with a mission of display, education and research. Mr. Schnall has written many conservation assessments of arboreta and botanical gardens for the Institute of Museum and Library Services and Heritage Preservation. He is Vice President of the New York Hortus Club Inc. and is a former Board member and Secretary of the Metro Hort Group Inc. He has served on the Board of the Queens Botanical Garden and is an active member of many horticultural societies and committees throughout the metropolitan area. He is a member of the Advisory Panel for the United States Department of Agriculture Boxwood Blight Mitigation Specialty Crop Research Initiative. Mr. Schnall serves as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors and as Corporate Secretary. He also is Chair of the Sales, Development & Environment Committee and he serves on the Executive Committee.

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KEVIN J. BANNON In May, 2015, Mr. Bannon retired as a Managing Director of Highmount Capital, an independent \$2 billion wealth management firm with offices in New York, Boston and Amsterdam. He had joined Highmount Capital in April 2008. Kevin retired from The Bank of New York in 2007 after a 28 year career, serving as the Bank's Chief Investment Officer from 1993-2007. In this role, he was responsible for establishing the investment framework for managing assets in excess of \$100 billion for institutional and private clients. He was the Bank's chief spokesperson on economic and financial market issues and appeared regularly in the financial media. He began his career in 1974 at U.S. Trust. Kevin has a BS in Economics from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and a MBA in Finance from the Stern School of New York University. He holds a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation. Kevin is a Director of Urstadt Biddle Properties and the PGIM Retail Mutual Funds. He is a Director and past President of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Northern Westchester and a Director of The Hundred Year Association of New York. He has previously served on the Boards of Shorewood Packaging Corp., Regis High School and the Lyndhurst Council of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Kevin resides in Mt. Kisco with his wife Susan. Mr. Bannon is the Vice-Chair of the Finance Committee and serves on the Pension Committee.

CHESTER S. DAY Mr. Day started his career with Kensico Cemetery as Comptroller in May 1974 and in 1976 was elected to the Board of Directors and appointed Vice President and Comptroller. He served as Vice President and Chief Financial Officer from 1991 to 1995 and Vice President, Chief Operating Officer and Secretary from 1995 to 1998. In October, 1997 he was elected President, CEO and Treasurer of the Corporation to serve as of January 1, 1998, positions which he held until December 31, 2014. He was appointed Chairman of the Board of Directors in October 2013. He is past President of both the Metropolitan Cemetery Association and the New York State Association of Cemeteries. Mr. Day is a United States Army Veteran. Mr. Day received his Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, Connecticut. In addition to serving as Board Chairman, he serves on the Executive (Vice-Chair), Audit, Finance (Chair) and Sales, Development & Environment Committees.

### **HOWARD WEINTRAUB**

Howard Weintraub is a Certified Public Accountant and he is the Managing Partner and founder of Weintraub & Associates, LLP located in White Plains, NY. He graduated from Gettysburg College in 1976 and in 1980 he received an MBA in Accounting and Finance from Temple University. Howard is a former General Securities Principal, a Licensed Register Representative (Securities), and a Licensed Life and Health Insurance Agent. He is a member in good standing of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, NYS Society of CPAs, National Conference of CPA Practitioners and a member of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOP). Mr. Weintraub is the Vice-Chair of the Audit Committee and serves on the Finance Committee.

### **MATTHEW G. PARISI**

Mr. Parisi obtained a B.S. Degree in Electrical Engineering from Union College in 1990 and a J.D. Degree with a Certificate in Environmental Law from Pace University School of Law in 1993, where he was a member of the school's Environmental Law Review. He is admitted to practice before all New York State Courts as well as the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and the Southern and Northern District Courts of New York. Mr. Parisi has been affiliated with the law firm of Bleakley Platt & Schmidt, LLP, White Plains, New York since 1994, practicing primarily as a trial and litigation attorney in the fields of Environmental Law and Commercial Litigation while developing an expertise in Cemetery Law. He

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currently serves on the Firm's Executive Committee and is the head of the firm's Environmental Practice Group and Cemetery Law Practice Group. He was named a "Rising Star" by the Business Council of Westchester in 2007 and has been rated a New York Metro Area "Super Lawyer" since 2010. Mr. Parisi has made legal presentations to business organizations in several states and is also the author of published articles regarding the effects of electromagnetic field exposure on individuals and property values as well as cemetery and burial issues. He is also a member and past president of the Somers (N.Y.) Library Foundation and has been a member of the Board of Trustees for Mount Hope Cemetery Association. On June 1, 2020, Mr. Parisi became a Senior Vice President for Kensico Cemetery.

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MARY ANN ALONSO Mrs. Alonso has served as a Director since 1990. Her career in finance spans over 35 years with concentration in the areas of Trust Administration and Wealth Management. She is a Managing Director at Fiduciary Trust Company International, New York, NY. She received her Bachelor of Arts Degree from the College of New Rochelle and has attended The American Institute for Banking, The Center for Entrepreneurial Studies and The New York State Bankers Association Trust and Estate Schools. Mrs. Alonso is also a Certified Paralegal in New York State having received her certification from the American Institute for Paralegal Studies. She is a member of the Estate Planning Council of Westchester County, Inc. and a member of the New York State Bankers Association. Mrs. Alonso is Chair of the Audit Committee and also serves on the Pension Committee.

CATHERINE U. BIDDLE Mrs. Biddle graduated from Colby College (B.A.) in 1985. She worked as a Trusts and Estates Paralegal for Lane & Mittendorf until 1987 when she became Assistant Treasurer in the Private Banking Division of The Bank of New York. From 1989 to 1993 she served as Assistant Vice President at Bank of New York in the Commercial Real Estate Finance Division. Her responsibilities included developing new business and lending to real estate developers and investors in the metropolitan area. She is currently active in many volunteer organizations in Northern Westchester. Mrs. Biddle is Executive Vice President and Secretary of Urstadt Property Company, Inc. and Vice President and Secretary of Two Park Place Corp. She is also a member of the Board of Directors of Urstadt Biddle Properties, Inc. (NYSE) and of Ronald McDonald House of Greater Hudson Valley, and the past President of Rusticus Garden Club (GCA). She is Vice-Chair of the Sales, Development & Environment Committee and also serves on the Audit Committee.

RAYMOND M. PLANELL Mr. Planell has served as a Director since 1996. He is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and Notre Dame Law School with a Master of Laws in Taxation from New York University. He is admitted to practice before all New York State Courts, the United States District Court (Southern District of New York) the United States Tax Court and the United States Claims Court. He has been affiliated with the law firm of Bleakley Platt & Schmidt, LLP, White Plains, New York since 1975, primarily practicing in the fields of trusts, estates, estate planning, taxation and not-for-profit corporations. He is a member of the Board of Directors of St. Mary's Healthcare System for Children, a member of the New York State and Westchester County Bar Associations, and serves on the Board of Governors of the YMCA of Central and Northern Westchester. He is also a Past President and former member of the Board of Directors of the New York State Association of Cemeteries. From January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2014, Mr. Planell served as Senior Vice President and as Counsel to the Cemetery. On January 1, 2015, Mr. Planell succeeded Chester S. Day as President and Chief Executive Officer. He continues to serve as Counsel to the Cemetery and is a member of the Executive (Chair), Finance, and Sales, Development & Environment Committees.