

Play Marin Board of Directors



PAUL AUSTIN
Founder & CEO

Paul Austin is a longtime Marin City resident and Tamalpais High graduate, who has been a youth advocate for the majority of his professional life. Paul studied Early Childhood Education at Texas Southern University and holds a Bachelor's in Psychology from Dominican University in San Rafael, saw a need to create opportunities for Marin City youth to engage in organized athletics and other extracurricular activities.

After several years as Director of Recreation for Marin City Community Center, Paul founded Play Marin to give kids of diverse ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds from the broader Marin community the opportunity to play, learn, and grow together. Starting in 2012 with just one basketball team of nine players, Paul's dedicated stewardship of Play Marin brought steady and expansive growth.



CERELLA HAMPTON
Chief of Staff

Cerella Hampton grew up in Marin City and attended Prairie View A&M University and Texas Southern University. Cerella worked with founder Paul Austin for over ten years as part of the Recreation and Program Administration Support Team at the Marin City Recreation Center.

As a Program Analyst for the Department of Homeland Security, she supported the process for the naturalization of immigrants, until Paul Austin recruited her to return to community service work. Cerella is also the owner of Housekeepers Art, a house cleaning service. In her spare time, she enjoys her son, extended family, and her tight group of childhood friends from over 25+ years.



BRUCE EDWARDS
Board Chair

Bruce Edwards lives in Mill Valley with his wife Kirsten, and sons Dillon, JP, and Reed. With over 20 years of financial services experience, Bruce is a Family CFO for 25+ families. Bruce assists his clients with tax-efficient charitable giving through donor-advised funds and foundations.

A devoted family man, some of Bruce's other passions include fly fishing throughout the world, surfing, and playing music with friends and family. His dedication to wilderness conservation and charitable youth development led Bruce to serve on the boards of the Henry's Fork Foundation in Idaho, and Mt Carmel CYO basketball in Mill Valley.



**LAWRENCE P.
BANCROFT**
Treasurer

President and CEO of Bivium Capital, Lawrence leads a seasoned and dedicated team of investment professionals with expertise across every asset class and type of investment. Prior to founding Bivium in 2002, Lawrence was an initial member of Goldman Sachs IMD's external manager selection team, where he worked on developing all areas of its manager of managers business; and evaluated minority-owned investment companies as part of the firm's Urban Investment Group for capital allocation.

Previously the Board Chair for Big Brothers Big Sisters of the North Bay, Lawrence currently sits on the governance and finance committees for the Bay Area chapter of Big Brothers Big Sisters. He earned his B.S. from Cornell University's School of Industrial and Labor Relations, and his M.P.A. from Cornell University's School of Public Affairs. Lawrence lives in Tiburon with his wife and three kids.



ROXIE BAKER
Secretary

A former music industry executive with two decades in recording artist management, Roxie Baker has worked with young people since she was a teenager— first as a conventional horseback riding instructor and later as a Certified Therapeutic Riding Instructor and program director. In this capacity, she worked directly with at-risk and special needs students ages 5-17 and served as designer, developer, and director of several therapeutic and educational programs on both coasts.

The parent of an NCAA athlete, Roxie first learned about Play Marin when her daughter was a volunteer swim instructor for their summer camp program. Roxie has a B.A. in Psychology from SFSU and graduate studies in Health Education JFK University. Roxie lives in Sausalito with her husband John, Managing Director of an international environmental nonprofit, and daughter Ella, currently a Social Justice major at Occidental College.