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## **RECENT EVENTS: 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference – Moving Forward in 2022**

### **Meet the LVBCH Board of Directors Panel Discussion (May 11, 2022)**

For the first time, LVBCH's Annual Conference introduced participants to members of the Coalition's Board of Directors during a panel discussion moderated by former Board Member Joe Huxta.

Richard King, Board Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer, Schlouch Incorporated, joined the Coalition 10 years ago and has served on the board since 2019. A consultant that Schlouch was working with encouraged him to attend the annual conference. He was impressed by the quality of the event, so he started coming to other educational programs. Soon, he learned that by joining the Coalition and participating in its group purchasing program, Schlouch could offer its employees better benefits at a lower cost.

Melony Sallie-Dosunmu, Director of Human Resources, City of Allentown, has been a Board member since 2019. As a government entity, the city is accountable to the taxpayers. Because of the Coalition, Allentown offers excellent benefits that are also affordable. Also, as an LVBCH member, she is exposed to innovative and leading-edge ideas that enable employers to save money. In the future, she would like to learn more about ways to engage employees in wellness programs to keep them healthier and reduce costs.

Jack Gross, Board Secretary and Managing Partner, Gross McGinley, LLP, who has been on the board since 1990, quipped that he began attending Board meetings, back then held at Bethlehem Steel, because they had the best breakfast around. But seriously, he realized that he, a lawyer, could learn about benefits, which was enormously valuable. Often, LVBCH has been ahead of the times and helped employers adopt the latest benefit options. For example, the Coalition discussed telemedicine and physician ratings 20 years ago. He believes that most business executives don't understand how health care works. LVBCH not only educates them but also helps them adopt new trends.

Jeaninne O'Callaghan, Director of Health and Safety/Occupational Health Nurse, C.F. Martin & Co. Inc., has served on the board since 2005. Through LVBCH, O'Callaghan has built wonderful relationships, which enable her to benchmark with other local employers. She encourages LVBCH members to attend events, serve on a Coalition Committee and develop supportive relationships that help in difficult times. For instance, during the pandemic, she often felt alone on an island but took comfort from the Coalition's Employer Forums. They provided employers an opportunity to discuss the problems they faced and possible solutions to address them.

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**Moderator:**  
**Joe Huxta**  
Former Board Chair  
Volvo/Mack Trucks



**Jack Gross**  
Gross-McGinley



**Rich King**  
Schlouch Incorporated



**Jeannine O'Callaghan**  
C.F. Martin



**Meloney Sallie-Dosunmu**  
City of Allentown

### **Moderator: Joe Huxta, Volvo, retired**

Joe received his Accounting degree from Penn State and MBA from Lehigh. He started his career with Ernst & Ernst as a CPA before joining Mack Trucks, Inc where he moved into HR to manage the Benefits Department including health plans & wellness programs for employees and retirees. He was active with LVBCH, serving on the Board and as Chair. He is currently on the PHC4 Board and served as Chair. He focuses on volunteer work, currently serving on the American Cancer Society Greater LV Board and is VP of the LV Chapter of the Penn State Alumni Association.

### **John F. "Jack" Gross, Gross McGinley**

Jack is a seasoned attorney, counseling businesses of all sizes on general corporate, real estate, financial, and intellectual property matters. He has experience in a wide range of industries including manufacturing, healthcare, professional services, media and publishing, construction, and nonprofit. He has been named to the LVB 2021 Power 30 in Law and has been recognized on the LVB Power 100 list 3 years running. Along with his contributions and involvements in the community, he has served as the Board Secretary of LVBCH since 1999.

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**Richard King, Schlouch Incorporated**

Rich, CPA, CCIFP is Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer at Schlouch Incorporated and manages all aspects of accounting, finance, IT, insurance, contracts, HR and administration. He earned a BS in Business Administration from Bloomsburg University and has over thirty years' experience in public accounting and industry. He has spoken at regional and national conferences and trade association meetings. He is a founding member and past President of CFMA's Greater Berks-Lehigh Valley Chapter He serves as LVBCH Treasurer and chairs the Building Committee at his church. He received CFMA's Deborah Hahn Memorial Award & Trail Blazer Award, LVBCH's Leadership in Wellness Award, and was named LVB's CFO of the Year in 2015.

**Jeannine O'Callaghan, C.F. Martin & Co.**

Jeannine is the Director of Health and Safety/Occupational Health Nurse at C.F. Martin & Co. Along with her commitment to providing a safe and healthy work environment, she is an active participant in the company's benefits committee whose goal is to provide comprehensive, cost-effective, quality healthcare benefits and leads the company's wellness initiatives. She is a LVBCH Board Member and former Chair.

**Meloney Sallie-Dosunmu, City of Allentown**

Meloney is HR Director for the City of Allentown. She has over 25 years of experience in a variety of progressively responsible human resources positions. She served as Founder/CEO of Precision Talent International, Global Human Resources Director for Thermo Fisher Scientific and Senior Manager of Employee Relations/Talent Management for Just Born. She is also a community leader, served as Commissioner for the HR Commission of Allentown to help ensure fair treatment for citizens who felt that they had been discriminated against within the city, was a Founding Parent and continues as Board President for Lincoln Leadership Academy Charter School, and serves on the LVBCH Board and the HR Committee for the DaVinci Science Center.