

## ***Renel's Board of Directors***

### ***Neal and Rene Bierbaum***



Rene and Neal have shared 35+ years together, transforming the extensive experiences from their respective engineering careers into a passion for bringing Information Technology to students and teachers in developing countries. A desire to serve their country and the world led them to set aside their Silicon Valley careers temporarily to work as US Peace Corps Volunteers (Philippines 2006-2008). The seeds of Renel IEO were sown as they worked in a high school to develop a low-cost computer system. They incorporated as Renel International Education Outreach in 2012 to bring low-cost computing to more public schools in the Philippines and Tanzania. “We have seen first-hand how lives can be changed by Information Technology. We are inspired by the hope of creating new opportunities for students and teachers through our loves for Linux and Open Source software (Neal) and spreadsheets and project planning (Rene).”

Neal and Rene live in Fremont, California but spend significant time in Compostela, Cebu, Philippines and Arusha, Tanzania. Neal and Rene also enjoy tandem bicycle touring, backpacking, and being with family and friends.

### ***Priscilla Batty***



Priscilla's days are filled with volunteer work at her church, Alum Rock United Methodist. She is a member of the Administrative Board Leadership Circle and the United Methodist Woman's Organization, while serving behind the scenes on many additional projects. Her artistic talents have resulted in many seasonal banners at the church. She is also an active participant in local social justice issues including People Acting in Community Together, CropWalk, and the Interfaith Council. “My involvement in Renel IEO is an opportunity to provide support on the local level for the work others are doing in the Philippines and Tanzania. I help to pick up and ship equipment donated to Renel IEO. I also provide airport transportation, making sure the Renel IEO team and their vital equipment can get to where it is needed.”

Priscilla retired from Lockheed Martin where she worked in the Program Office. She is also renowned for her delicious cookies.

### ***Sharon Fingold***



Sharon Fingold has been serving on the board since the inception of Renel IEO and is the current board secretary. Why does she serve? "Living in Silicon Valley, we see the benefits of technology every day. Supporting Renel IEO is a great way to help bring technology and its potential benefits to people in the Philippines and Tanzania. Through the work of REIO, I'm reminded of how much we take for granted and how much we can do for others with so little. Repurposing depreciated computers and giving them a second life helping students and teachers around the world participate in the tech revolution is exciting and inspiring."

Sharon is currently on sabbatical from her work in high tech as a program manager. In her spare time, she likes to visit with friends and family, read, exercise, garden, and create art.

### ***Steve Guerzon***

A common affinity for the people and culture of the Philippines as well as a mutual membership in Holy Trinity Lutheran church of Fremont had connected Steve with Rene and Neal Bierbaum of Reneal IEO.



"Being a second generation Filipino-American I had only recently visited the Philippines and was astounded at the lack of opportunity, and economic disparity in that country. I hadn't realized the daily struggles that the people back there have to face until I had gone there and seen for myself. After that visit, I was looking for some way to help and had even started my own initiative to provide funding and advice for a family-run business in Calbayog. I was incredibly honored when Rene and Neal invited me to join the Board of Directors of Reneal International Education Outreach. Its mission to connect underserved schools and communities in both the Philippines and Tanzania to Technology and Educational opportunity was an opportunity to serve on a much larger scale. "

Steve works as a Talent Acquisition Manager for a leading Technology company in Silicon Valley and enjoys travel, running, cycling, and reading about everything.

### ***Nathan Martinez***

Through a passion for data and the development of data-based products, Nathan began working with Reneal IEO towards the end of 2017 to help them extract greater insight from their existing data sources and measure



the health of the schools they service across Tanzania and the Philippines. Coming from a self-educated background in data analysis, Nathan was excited for the opportunity to grow professionally and develop his technical skill set while also contributing to a mission that he believes in: enabling computer-based education and technical skill development for students in developing countries. Nathan is excited and grateful to be able to serve on the Board of Directors for Reneal IEO and is looking forward to contributing to Reneal IEO's continued success.

Nathan currently works as a Data Analyst on the Safety and Insurance team at Uber Technologies Co, and he enjoys spending his free time improving his physical health, meeting new people, and learning more about computer programming and data science.

### ***Katherine Yen***

Katherine learned of Reneal IEO through Board Member, Sharon Fingold, back in 2012 and became a Board Member herself in 2016. Having worked in Silicon Valley as a marketing professional for many years, she



immediately saw the potential by Reneal to divert still-functioning computer equipment from becoming e-waste while furthering student education in developing countries. In her words: "Having now visited both Cebu and Arusha with Reneal, I can say without a doubt that despite the limited resources, Reneal has made a significant impact on the local students. What's more, the appreciation by students and teachers alike is enormous!"

Having lived and travelled extensively, she has a passion for education and animal conservation and is keen on helping Reneal expand its marketing efforts.

Katherine has worked in several small and large technology companies including VMware, BMC Software. She is currently VP of Enterprise Marketing at Arm, Inc. She enjoys travelling, hiking and yoga in her spare time.