

Web of Connection Board of Directors



Richard Mee, age 60, is a retired entrepreneur. He now serves as the President of the Board of Directors for Web of Connection. For nineteen years, Richard owned and operated an interior design business and retail store in Austin, Texas. He currently runs a small urban farm and 1000 square foot solar greenhouse. For the past three years, he has run a small CSA (community supported agriculture) where he has grown organic food and encouraged the participation of others. Richard says, "My passion is to educate others about the importance of local food sustainability and to encourage people to grow their own food. Promoting healthy body, mind and environment."



Cindi Smith has lived in Colorado Springs for 47 years. Her background includes being a professional musician as well as a special education teacher at the elementary level. After retiring from teaching in the Harrison School District in 2004, she continues to offer her talents to the local community by playing music at Create Cafe in Manitou Springs. Cindi grew up with a Christian background and has been practicing meditation for the past 25 years. What drew her to Web of Connection was its all-inclusive mission. Cindi currently serves as the Vice President of

the board of directors and is an active participant in Web's programs, enthusiastically supporting its interfaith mission. She feels that "our local area is ripe for this type of a community which will focus on compassion, communication, agricultural sustainability, diversity and support for individual and communal growth." She believes that this project will have a positive effect on the local town.

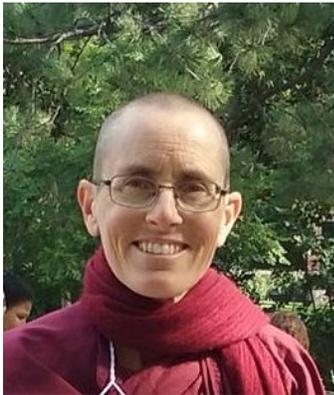


Ivan Mayerhofer currently serves as Treasurer for WEB. He is a coordinator of the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme at Rampart High School. He received his PhD in Philosophy from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor in 2010 and his Master of Arts in Teaching from Colorado College in 2014. He also ordained as a lay Dharma teacher in 2014 after completing the Maitreya Buddhist Seminary with the Buddhist Society for Compassionate Wisdom.

Ivan looks to support organizations that foster awareness and development of interdependence, community, and spiritual well-being. WEB is firmly aligned with these values with an emphasis on community, including both our relationships to one another as well as the earth around us. This combination of ecological and social harmony is what excites Ivan most about the current WEB campaign. Colorado Springs has a variety of ecological projects from urban farming to local CSAs and more. But none of these groups provide the spiritual and social grounding that is a missing piece of the ecological puzzle. Ivan looks forward to work toward completing this puzzle here in Colorado Springs as part of WEB and its community projects.



Emjae Jeanne currently serves as the secretary for the board of Web of Connection. She has been an active RN for 15 years. Her nursing background includes emergency department, psychiatric, and currently neurology. She has a firm belief that all people, of every background and perspective, deserve to experience embodied connection with all beings, including the earth. Emjae's practices towards connection include Buddhism and Yoga. She also enjoys singing in an International Peace Choir.



Ayya Dhammadhira graduated with a BS in Social Sciences and an MA in Education. She worked as a teacher in public and private schools for ten years and ran an outdoor education program for K-12 students. After ordaining as a Buddhist nun in 2001, Ayya lived in monastic communities for fourteen years. In 2015, she came to Colorado Springs to embrace a lifestyle that is more engaged with the wider community. She founded the non-profit *Web of Connection* in order to promote programs that integrate spirituality with sustainability and community building. In addition to serving as the executive director of WEB, Ayya teaches mindfulness classes for youth in local schools and churches, participates in inter-faith programs, offers weekly meditation classes and retreats and welcomes local families to be part of her Community Supported

Agriculture (CSA) program. "I see myself as a bridge builder, bringing together people from different faith backgrounds in cooperative ventures that promote understanding and harmony towards all.