

John Carnes

## Board of Directors Candidate Resume



I'd like to introduce myself as a candidate for the Board of Directors of the Orange County Wine Society. For over a decade I have provided leadership and guidance to organizations of many different sizes and types, and I'd like to bring that experience to the Orange County Wine Society. If I could sum up my background in a single word it would be *solutions*. I try to always work toward a single, simple, effective solution in all the things I do.

My experience with large organizations started with the Navy. During my years there, both organizing large training exercises and teaching applied leadership, I learned about how to become a solution-driven leader. I carried this forward into a successful career providing IT consulting services. After many years of private consulting I now work for a Fortune 50 company, advising them in Information Security matters.

During my time with the society I have been involved in many different activities. I have volunteered to during the Wine Extraordinaire, stewarded for the commercial wine competition, helped sorting for the fair, and then worked 15 shifts during the Orange County Fair. While I don't have the most in-depth experience and background organizing all the details of these events, my knowledge of their operations, along with an ability to quickly learn and adapt to new situations, gives me a unique ability to help see places where we can improve our operations.

My background and experience makes me a great candidate to help lead the society. I have a firm focus to help the society not just continue its excellent service to the community, but to help improve the society through further uses of technology, especially in the hopes of making a group that is more "green", more efficient, and more effective.