Catherine Cooper-Weidner — Vice President and CIO, Memorial Hospital

Catherine Cooper-Weidner was appointed chief information officer of Memorial Hospital in May 2004. She came to Memorial from Cerner Corporation in Independence, where she was vice president for information services. Prior to joining Cerner, she had 12 years experience in the health care and information technology field. She earned a bachelor’s degree in chemistry and a master’s degree in computer science from the University of Kentucky.

M. Catherine Fanello — CPA, City Controller, South Bend

M. Catherine Fanello was named city controller for the city of South Bend in January 2005. Her government career includes serving as the city’s controller and the city’s comptroller. Fanello graduated from Indiana University South Bend and received his master’s degree in business administration in computer accounting, computing support, and applications systems for North and South America.

Steven Fay — Computer Systems Manager, I/N Tek and I/N Kote

Steven Fay is the manager of computer systems at I/N Tek and I/N Kote, New Carlisle. He has 22 years of experience in information technology and process automation in the steel industry and six years of experience as manager of IT at I/N Tek. He received his BBA in IT/IS and Master of Science in Management Information Technologies in 2003 from South Bend.

Stevan Katz — Director of MIS, Skyline Corporation

Stevan Katz is director of management information systems at Skyline Corporation where he is responsible for defining the use of computer technology and cost-effective systems. He has worked in the industry for over 15 years and previously served as both director and manager of IS/IT. Katz has an MBA from the University of Notre Dame and an MBA from Western Michigan University.

Donald E. Miller — Senior Vice President, Operations Group Head, Talis Communications

Donald E. Miller is senior vice president of the operations group at at Savient Biotech. Miller graduated from Indiana University with a degree in computer technology and later earned an MBA from the University of Notre Dame.

Phil Billing — Director of Customer Chain Global Application Development, Whirlpool Corporation

Phil Billing is the director of customer chain global application development at Whirlpool Corporation. He was hired for his three years where he developed office software for the K/A/A in 1996. Phil joined Whirlpool Corporation in 2003 as a systems analyst working on Whirlpool’s executive systems initiative.

George A. Spohrer Jr. — Partner and IT Executive, Chenh, Chakli & Co., LLC

George A. Spohrer Jr. is an executive in the risk and performance services consulting group for Crowe Chizek & Co., LLC. He has more than 20 years of experience in management, project management, strategic risk assessment, process design, software evaluation, implementation, and applications.

Gary Wilson — Vice President and Chief Technology Officer, NIBCO Inc.

Gary Wilson joined NIBCO in 1984 and is responsible for NIBCO’s product engineering and enterprise-wide information technology. He leads NIBCO’s strategic focus on product innovation in the engineering, sales, and customer service sectors of the company’s long range business plan. Wilson has a bachelor’s degree in industrial engineering from Iowa State University, and an MBA from the University of Iowa.

Gordon Wilson — CIO, Associate Vice President, Associate Provost, University of Notre Dame

Gordon Wilson is the chief information officer at Notre Dame. As head of the Office of Information Technology (OIT), Wilson is responsible for the development and delivery of the university’s technology strategy. Prior to Notre Dame, Wilson was associate vice president and associate chief information officer for Information Technology at Georgia Tech, a role where he led the university’s information technology efforts. The last four years of his Air Force career were served predominantly at the Air Force Institute of Technology where he completed his military career as the instructor of chief information officer.
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