



Stewart (Stew) Nelson

Interim Chief Financial Officer

Stewart Nelson is a serial entrepreneur and angel investor with over 30 years' experience helping startups. Nelson is a graduate of the University of Michigan (BA Econ & Sociology) and MBA from Eastern Michigan. Nelson was born in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and graduated from Ann Arbor High School in 1965. He graduated from the University of Michigan in 1969 and earned an MBA degree from Eastern Michigan University in 1991. Stewart is a member of Beta Gamma Sigma business honor society and Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

Nelson was hired as a pilot by Hughes Airwest in October 1976 to fly DC-9 aircraft. At that time, he was based in Las Vegas, San Francisco, and Denver. He moved to Detroit in 1984 when Hughes was bought by Republic and remained in the Detroit area when Republic entered the Northwest Airlines family. He retired in 1999 from Northwest Airlines as a 757 Captain. He retired from the U.S. Air Force in 1992 reaching the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Nelson worked with Ufer & Co. Insurance Agency and Kapnick Insurance Group, The KICK Team in Ann Arbor where he retired from in 2020. Nelson is married to the former Janet Berggren. Stew and Jan have two sons, Matthew Stewart Nelson (3/1/1984) and Scott Mitchell Nelson (3/16/87).

Until early 2008, Nelson served as President of the Great Lakes Water Polo Club, which reflects his own love of the sport as well as his son's involvement in high school and in college. He stepped down from that presidency in order to free up time for candidacy in the August 2008 Democratic primary elections, determining the representative in that Second Ward City Council seat to which Joan Lowenstein was elected in November 2006. His experience includes the following:

- Founder, Business Consultant, MODG, LLC., 2015 to Present
- Founder, CEO, Mayasil.com LLC., 2015 to Present
- Founder, Adreleventis, LLC., May 2014 to Present
- Founder, GAPro Systems, Inc, December 2013 to Present
- Board of Directors, SurClean, Inc. 2013 to Present
- CFO SurClean Inc. 2020 to Present
- Account Executive, Kapnick Insurance Group, October, 2001 December, 2016
- Business Coach, New Enterprise Forum, 2011 to Present
- Founder, SolidSpeed Network LLC., June 1998 to June 2001
- Founder, GeoStrip System LLC., August 1992 to September 1995
- Commercial pilot, Northwest Airlines Inc., October 1976 to August 1998
- Operations Officer, Command Pilot, Lt. Col. USAFR, October 1969 to August 1992
- Instructor pilot, 1969 to October 1975, United States Air Force

Nelson is trying to retire and devote more time to his grandchildren. However, his love of entrepreneurship is very much alive as he contributes through the use of web meetings and mobile devices. Whenever, we call he is there providing answers or advising who to call for the answer.