

Maurice Levite

Board Member since January, 2005

Maurice Levite is a nationally recognized leader in not-for-profit/association management and fundraising, with more than thirty years of experience. His professional experience includes service at the National Society of Fundraising Executives, Medlantic Healthcare Group and the American Red Cross. He has significant expertise in advocacy, human resources, finance and administration as well as grassroots level experience.

As the American Red Cross Vice President of Development, Maurice was responsible for domestic and international disaster fundraising and nationwide field operations. It was his strategy and development plan for international fundraising which led to the Hurricane Mitch Campaign raising a record \$48 million. Also during his tenure at NHQ, fundraising totals increased from \$500 million raised in 1995 to over \$900 million raised in 2000.

Maurice's national reputation in fundraising and nonprofit management was highlighted during his leadership in several pivotal positions at the National Society of Fundraising Executives (formerly NSFRE, now AFP). While at NSFRE, some of his most significant accomplishments involved chapter capacity-building, national advocacy and lobbying efforts and organizational positioning. He revolutionized NSFRE's advocacy program, training chapter members in proactive legislative advocacy, and led the nonprofit sector's lobbying efforts in support of enhanced tax incentives to encourage philanthropic giving. Other prestigious roles include serving on President Jimmy Carter's inaugural committee and serving on Representative Jim Moran's (D-VA) congressional and mayoral campaign committees.

His international management experience parallels his domestic accomplishments. When chosen to serve as the Chief Delegate for the League of Red Cross Societies (now the Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies), he led the League's efforts in Bangladesh and Burma, assisting 200,000 refugees and displaced persons. Managing all medical, feeding and shelter activities in partnership with the United Nations High Commission on Refugees, he led efforts which saw an 80% decrease in the death rates among refugees, for which he received international recognition.

Maurice's expertise includes finance and administration as well, and he holds a degree in business administration from the University of Southern Mississippi. He is also a graduate of the Executive Development Program at the Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University. He was called upon by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to serve as the Chair of its Operating Committee for the Washington Metropolitan area. When Independent Sector commissioned PriceWaterhouse to conduct a national study on a simplified tax system proposed by Congress, Maurice's expertise was called upon to provide insight on the potential effects on philanthropic giving.

He has completed Executive Certification Programs with the National Society of Fund Raising Executives (CFRE) and the American Society of Association Executives (CAE). His article on *How to Recruit and Utilize Volunteers in a Fund Campaign* was published in the *Charitable Giving and Solicitation Manual* (Prentice-Hall Publishers); and *The Clinton Administration's Impact on Not-for-Profit Organizations* was published in *Board & Administrator* (Aspen Publishers). Maurice lives in Old Town Alexandria with his wife and two dogs, Rachel and Finni.