BURTON I. WOOLF

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Helping improve quality of life for people wherever they live, work, learn, play, stay well, and visit!

Career passion. Burt Woolf's professional passion supports colleges and universities, communities, private nonprofits and voluntary organizations, public agencies, and individuals to make a difference for a better world by (a) setting a clear mission and vision for action; (b) solving problems and addressing issues through stakeholder collaboration; and (c) building and nurturing resourceful, productive relationships. This intention threads through every executive position he has ever held and every consulting assignment he has ever undertaken. Burt's career – as senior and chief executive, coach, and consultant – has been an ongoing creative source of his own personal learning, meaning-making and self-actualization.



Problem-Solving Focus. Using his *Accelerated Consensus*® facilitated creative problem-solving process, Burt has helped dozens of higher education institutions, public agencies and jurisdictions, nonprofit groups, and professional associations throughout the United States realize a more powerful identity through collaborative and responsive alignment with stakeholders. The Accelerated Consensus process has proven to be an efficient organizational approach for mission and vision refinement; strategic planning; transformation of organizational structure and culture; institutional assessment; building unified and motivated management teams; leadership development; employee motivation; and product/program innovation.

Quality-of-life fields. Burt's professional work and scholarship (Ed.D. 2011) have intersected with many different domains of expertise in the public and nonprofit sectors:

- Higher Education Administration
- Organizational development (leadership excellence; transformation of institutional culture; vision/strategic planning; assessment and restructuring)
- Conservation and preservation of the natural and built environment

- Community and economic development
- Public sector tourism and hospitality (destination planning and development)
- Sustainable agriculture and local food systems
- Arts, culture, and heritage planning
- Outdoor recreation and leisure activities
- Professional associations

Education

University of Massachusetts, Amherst College of Education

University of California Los Angeles Anderson School of Management

Amherst College

Doctor of Education (Ed.D.); Educational Policy and Leadership; 2011.

MS Management. (Nonprofit arts administration); 1972.

BA cum laude, Political Science; 1970

Resume: Spring/Summer 2020

Professional Experience

Burton I. Woolf	Independent Professional	2011 - Present
Center for Quality of Life	Chief Principal and Founder	2003 - Present
QL Consulting, Inc.	President	1993 – 2007
Economics Research Associates	Senior Consultant	1988 - 1993

Consultant, coach and executive advisor in organizational, community, and executive development. (*Project/Client list available on request*):

- Since 2011: Facilitator of organizational transformation and cultures of excellence in higher education.
- Director, senior consultant, and team leader for dozens of client assignments throughout the United States to improve quality of life in local, regional, state and national settings.
- Lecturer/motivational speaker on transformative learning, personal fulfillment, and organizational success.

Doctoral Course Work and Research,

University of Massachusetts Amherst Executive and Organizational Advising 2004 - pres

In 2004, I set aside my consulting practice to earn a doctorate in Educational Policy and Leadership (Ed.D. 2011). Since then, I have been retained (via a series of contracts) to support executive teams in several academic and administrative divisions across two campuses in the UMass system.

Glynwood Center, Inc.

Interim CEO

2011 - 2012

Appointed by the Board of Directors to lead this major sustainable agriculture nonprofit organization through a 15-month period of leadership transition:

- Led a stakeholder-driven strategic planning process
- Managed a professional staff of 20+ on a 225 acre farm/estate (\$3M annual budget)
- Helped secure a 7-figure seed funding commitment for a new initiative

Creative Education Foundation

Executive Director

2001 - 2003

CEO of this international nonprofit membership organization for creative problem solving. Supervised adjunct faculty of 200+ educators; production of the annual week-long international Creative Problem Solving Institute; and a book publishing program (CEF Press). Starting staff of 7+. Budget ~\$1M.

TEAM SYSTEM Development Software CEO

1983 - 1988

Founder and Chief Executive of this technology company that produced one of the nation's earliest desktop computer database software programs to support donor and fundraising management in non-profit organizations. Venture capital funded (\$450K). 140 installations nation-wide.

Massachusetts Cultural Alliance

Executive Director

1978 - 1983

CEO of this statewide membership organization for 250 non-profit arts, cultural and educational organizations of all sizes and types. Managed a full program of technical support, management services, communities of practice, training programs, advocacy, fundraising, and publications. Annual budget ~ \$1M.

National Endowment for the Arts

CITY SPIRIT National Project Director

19/4 - 19/8

Chief officer of this federal program that provided technical assistance and grants for cultural planning activities in over 200 communities across the USA. One of the first federal programs to offer facilitation services for participatory citizen involvement in local quality of life improvement. Staff of 4; consultant team of 50; \$3M federal contract/grant funds.

Southern Growth Policies Board

ARTRAIN SE U.S. Tour Project Manager

1973 - 1974

Chief officer of this 15 month 6-state, 24-community tour of a "museum on tracks". Funded by the National Endowment for the Arts.

Arkansas Arts Center

Assistant to the Director

1972 - 1973

Second-in-command of this regional multi-function arts and education center in Little Rock.