



Emeriti Board



Mary Jo Meisner

Vice President, Communications, Community Relations and Public Affairs, Boston Foundation

Mary Jo Meisner is a senior business executive, specializing in communications, media, government relation, and public policy. Over the course of a 30-year career, Mary Jo has been a journalist, a newspaper and business executive, and was the architect of a groundbreaking civic leadership arm of The Boston Foundation. After spending a year as an Advanced Leadership Initiative Fellow at Harvard University, Mary Jo formed MJM Advisory Services, a bespoke consulting firm that advises senior leaders in the private sector on their social impact initiatives.

As Vice President for Communications, Community Relations and Public Affairs for The Boston Foundation, she led a transformation of the organization from a purely grant- making entity, to what became a \$1 billion regional and national civic powerhouse and thought leader, advancing a wide range of public policy efforts. Mary Jo's efforts spearheaded high-profile public policy initiatives that resulted in significant legislative changes, increased TBF's visibility and created communications, marketing, and branding strategies that allowed the Foundation to successfully reach a wide range of audiences in donor, civic, government, and business communities.

Prior to The Boston Foundation, Mary Jo served as Editor and Vice Chairman of the Fidelity-owned Community Newspaper Co. Mary Jo's publishing background also includes stints as Editor and Senior Vice President for the Journal-Sentinel Inc., Managing Editor for the Fort Worth Star Telegram, and the City Editor of the Washington Post.

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