

RANDY STRAHAN

President and
Chief Executive Officer

Randy Strahan leads Panasas as President and CEO with more than 20 years of experience in senior general management and operations. He is also affiliated with Mohr Davidow Ventures where he assists portfolio companies develop operations strategies. He has successfully served as interim CEO at a number of MDV's early stage investment companies. Additionally, he currently serves on the board of nLight Photonics.

Prior to MDV, Randy was President and CEO of Telmax Communications, a privately held company that manufactures and markets telecommunication equipment to telephone companies. Previously he spent 20 years in various management positions at Pacific Bell, serving most notably as President of Pacific Bell's Service Operations Division where he was responsible for all customer service delivery in the company.

Randy earned a bachelor's degree (summa cum laude) in criminology from California State University, Fresno, and a master's degree in business administration (MBA) from Chapman College in Orange, California. He also participated in the Sloan Senior Executive Program at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the Advanced Management Program, Telecommunications, at the University of Southern California.

GARTH GIBSON

Founder and Chief
Technology Officer

Garth Gibson is Co-Founder and Chief Technology Officer at Panasas Inc. (www.panasas.com) and a professor of Computer Science and Electrical and Computer Engineering at Carnegie Mellon University.

Gibson received a Ph.D. in Computer Science from the University of California at Berkeley in 1991. While at Berkeley he did the groundwork research and co-wrote the seminal paper on RAID, then Redundant Arrays of Inexpensive Disks, and now a checklist feature throughout storage industry products. Joining the faculty at Carnegie Mellon University (CMU) in 1991, Gibson founded the Parallel Data Laboratory (www.pdl.cmu.edu), one of the premier academic storage system research lab; founded the Network-Attached Storage Device (NASD) working group of the National Storage Industry Consortium (NSIC); and led storage systems research in the Data Storage Systems Center (DSSC), one of the largest academic magnetic storage technology research labs. Gibson participates in a variety of academic and industrial professional organizations including ongoing roles in the technical council of the Storage Networking Industry Association (SNIA) and the steering committee of USENIX's File and Storage Technology (FAST) conference.

ANSI T10's emerging standard for Object-based Storage Devices (OSD), and its sister SNIA OSD technical working group, were seeded by Gibson's CMU and NSIC/NASD research. In 1999 Gibson co-founded Panasas, a scalable storage system cluster vendor pioneering the commercial realization of object storage and targeted at Linux cluster computing.

Gibson's contributions to computer storage have been recognized by the prestigious 1999 IEEE Reynold B. Johnson Information Storage Award for outstanding contributions in the field of information storage.

STEPHANIE VINELLA

Chief Financial Officer

Stephanie brings over 25 years experience in financial management and operations to her role at Panasas. Her career, primarily with high-growth technology companies, includes successes building and implementing solid company financial infrastructure, developing and managing tactical and strategic plans and managing rapid growth in emerging companies. She also brings expertise managing high-impact strategic transactions. Prior to joining Panasas, Stephanie held CFO positions at several successful companies including Nextance, Inc., Alphablox and Edify, where she supported the company during its IPO process.

Stephanie holds a BS in Accounting from the University of San Francisco and an MBA from Stanford University.

BILL WAGSTAFF

Chief Operating Officer

Bill brings his experience as a successful senior executive driving product development, customer support, and business strategy to his role at Panasas as Senior VP of Technical Operations. In this role he will lead Panasas's Quality, Global Services and Engineering organizations. Prior to joining Panasas, Bill served Nextance Corporation as its COO helping drive growth and a successful merger with Trilogy. Prior to Nextance, Bill was Senior Vice President of Products and CTO for Alphablox, an innovative business intelligence software company acquired by IBM. Prior to Alphablox, Bill held executive engineering leadership positions at Red Brick Systems and NCR/Teradata helping each of them achieve record growth.

Bill holds a BS from UC Irvine and an MBA from the Anderson Graduate School of Management at UCLA.

STEVE MCDERMOTT

Vice President,
Worldwide Sales

Steve enhances the Panasas executive team bringing an accomplished background of more than 20 years of executive sales positions ranging from direct sales, OEM and channels management. He came to Panasas from Network Appliance who acquired Topio, where he served as Vice President of Worldwide Sales and was responsible for worldwide field sales operations. He also held a senior sales position at Invio where his efforts contributed to acquisition of the company by Veritas. Steve additionally held positions at Marimba, Legato Systems and Comdisco. His career is marked by success in driving large and complex sales, developing channel strategy and managing critical partner relationships.

Steve holds a BA from UCLA where he majored in Economics.

LARRY JONES
Vice President,
Marketing

Larry is responsible for all product marketing at Panasas. He previously served as Vice President of Product Management at Driveway, a leader in personalized online storage. Prior to that, Larry was the Director of Marketing of E*Trade’s Business Solutions Group, where he grew customers by 200% and revenue by 130% for the company’s business to business services. He has also held senior marketing management roles at Lotus Development/IBM for Lotus Notes and cc:Mail, and held various product management positions at Farallon Computing and Northern Telecom.

Larry obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from the University of Michigan.

DAVE STEPHENSON
Vice President,
Software Engineering

Overseeing software and hardware development at Panasas, Dave brings more than 25 years of experience to his role of Vice President of Software Engineering. Before joining the company, he held management positions at Transarc Corporation (which was acquired by IBM in 1994) where he was responsible for the software development organization developing the IBM distributed file system products and WebSphere Edge Server. He also oversaw senior technical staff with the dedicated mission of exploring new product opportunities. There he kept a focus on emerging technologies in NAS, SAN and file system appliances. In this capacity, Dave worked with other IBM labs to drive technology strategies within the IBM Corporation. Prior to this Dave has held software development and application engineering positions at ALGOR Interactive Systems, MCS Inc, and Westinghouse Electric Corporation.

Dave holds a Bachelors of Science in Computer Science from the University of Pittsburgh.

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