

Agile International Advisory Board (USA)

Dr. Kraig Peel, Ph.D. (Chairman)

Dr. Peel currently serves as the director of the Western Center for Integrated Resource Management and is an associate professor of Animal Sciences at Colorado State University. With a sense of commitment and enthusiasm for Agile International, he possesses both agricultural expertise and personal experience in Mali and has spearheaded agricultural improvement projects in other developing countries such as Bolivia and Afghanistan. He excels at looking long-term—at ensuring sustainable agricultural practices extend to benefit future generations. He is well equipped to help the Malian people rebuild their agricultural and economic viability. Dr. Peel has a Ph. D. in Meat Science from Texas A&M University, an M.S. in animal nutrition from Texas A&M University, and a B.S. in Animal sciences from Angelo State University.

Karl Dakin, J.D.

Karl Dakin is an entrepreneurial expert and free enterprise advocate with 35 years of experience in starting and operating Colorado small businesses. With extensive financial expertise, Mr. Dakin is enthusiastic about assisting Agile International with innovation, product development and fiscal management that will ensure its success. Mr. Dakin is the owner of Dakin Capital Services LLC where he helps businesses design, develop and conduct capital campaigns. His expertise includes areas of strategy, new product development, business startup, seed capital, resource recruitment, contracts, intellectual property, technology licensing, business and economic development, legislation, collaboration, and social responsibility. Mr. Dakin serves as leader of the learning community Seed Capital 2.0 Project, which is developing an integrated, comprehensive curriculum on early stage capital. A sought-after speaker, educator, author and advisor, Mr. Dakin is a principal of Davinci Quest, an organization that seeks to solve world problems through innovative tools, technology, and new ways of thinking. He is a licensed attorney in Colorado.

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Henry (Hank) DeBey

As the owner of Wings For Farmers (W4F) & Wind Powered Aircraft LLC, Mr. DeBey seeks to provide affordable air services to African farmers. Using an innovatively designed aircraft, called levopters, W4F can provide low-cost transportation that circumvents the lack of road infrastructure, now severely limiting the opportunities of poor farmers in Mali. The aircraft derive their power from wind, using no fuel and emitting no greenhouse gases. Because a majority of subsistence farmers are women, W4F is planning to provide services that are configured for the types of crops women grow. In addition to transporting harvests to distant markets, levopters will also transport back purchases from distant markets such as better farm tools, value-add equipment, medical supplies, clothes and household goods. He is someone who understands business—Mr. DeBey has started and successfully run technology companies throughout Africa, Europe, Australia and the Middle East. Exceptionally equipped with four decades of engineering experience, he is passionate about bringing his clean energy transportation solution to Agile International and women farmers in Mali.

John Delmonico Jr

Mr. Del is a professional trainer and speaker who contributes social media strategy and project management expertise. As a social media specialist with a strong technical background in database management systems, he is able to effectively leverage social media such as LinkedIn to enhance visibility and connection for Agile. Mr. Del has developed asset management software for an educational setting and is an experienced educator and National Science educational consultant for Lawrence Hall of Science. He currently helps market individuals in a multi-national, multi-cultural and multi-lingual client environment.

Carl Hammerdorfer, MBA

Mr. Hammerdorfer is executive director at the Center for Advancement of Sustainable Enterprise at Colorado State University in Ft. Collins, CO. An entrepreneur with 20 years of experience internationally and domestically, Mr. Hammerdorfer is passionate about community development and helping Agile International succeed. He brings experience at the grassroots level as a Peace Corps volunteer and as country director for ACDI/VOCA and the Peace Corps. He has extensive experience forming and launching cooperatives domestically and internationally, and he co-founded America's first co-op incubator, Mainstreet Cooperative Group. He is Fluent in German, French and Bulgarian and conversant in Bambara and Polish., Mr. Hammerdorfer holds an M.B.A. from Colorado State University.

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Justus Lotade-Manje, Ph.D.

Dr. Lotade-Manje is uniquely qualified to promote Agile International's economic growth through effective agricultural marketing strategies. A consultant in international development, he brings strong analytical and problem-solving capabilities for efficient, long-term solutions. Dr. Lotade-Manje is adept at statistical analysis and applied economics, and he understands factors of agricultural development in relation to conflict reduction. He has a Ph.D. in agricultural economics from Texas A&M University, a graduate certificate in international development studies from Colorado State University, and an M.S. in agricultural and resource economics from Colorado State University.

Camille Roth

Ms. Roth brings a wealth of diverse experience to Agile. She is a skilled project manager, with proficiency in small business processes and program development. With a marketing background, she will serve as organizational promoter/public relations specialist for Agile International. She specializes in copywriting and editing, and is proficient at accomplishing photographic imagery that maximizes visual impact for small organizations. Ms. Roth has also developed online and print marketing tools and materials, helping to create brand identity and social media visibility for UMD Home LLC., and will serve as the organization's spokeswoman in furthering its mission.

Rachel Zelaya

Ms. Zelaya has first-hand experience in Mali that has fueled her desire to assist Agile International. She worked as a Peace Corps volunteer, working with Engineers Without Borders to enable the Malian village of Dogon to obtain clean water. She also spearheaded the Agricultural Steering Committee, which worked to improve Mali's agriculture. An experienced businesswoman, she is committed and enthusiastic about developing the Malian economy. She has coordinated international development projects while in the U.S. and written proposals that successfully solicited funding from international charitable organizations. Locally, she founded the Adi Shakti Kundalini Yoga center, acting as administrator, teacher trainer, mentor and organizer. Ms Zelaya offers proficiency in teaching, group facilitation, fundraising and effective resource sharing to advance Agile's mission. She will assist in developing foreign language curricula in French and English for primary and secondary school children in Mali. She contributes an aesthetic that will help Agile build visibility and brand recognition.