

Mission

The Melos Institute is dedicated to creating and disseminating a comprehensive principles-based systems-oriented body of knowledge for the advancement of membership-based organizations.

Patricia A. Hudson, MPsSc President

Trish Hudson is a community psychologist with 30 years' experience with membership-based and non-profit organizations as a volunteer, staff professional and consultant. She has provided support to a wide range of professional, trade and personal interest organizations in the US, Eastern Europe, the Middle East and the Near East. Her focus now is working with association volunteer and staff leaders dedicated to achieving positive change more specifically in the areas of organizational, membership, and leadership development.



As the founder and president of the Melos Institute, Trish oversees a cutting-edge research and education agenda focused on advancing the understanding and operation of membership-based organizations as transformative communities for their members. Her efforts are also focused on increasing the public's awareness and appreciation that these institutions make a significant contribution within the larger society. Her applied research efforts continue to dispel contemporary beliefs surrounding members, membership, and member involvement. She has presented and published widely in many formats covering a wide range of topics relevant to the profession.

Her commitment to these organizations is reflected in her volunteer work within the association as well as in her own community. She has served in volunteer leadership positions at all levels including the American Society of Association Executives (founding chair of the Component Relations Section), the Northern California Society of Association Executives, and the California Society of Association Executives. She also co-founded, served as the president and managing director of the Pacifica Library Foundation.

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