



NEIL GIRALDO, FOUNDER & CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Neil is a professional musician, producer and film composer with over four decades experience. A songwriter with a back catalog of more than 100 songs and more than 45 million records sold, he has worked with some of the greatest artists in the music industry, including Rick Derringer, Pat Benatar, John Waite, Kenny Loggins, Steve Forbert, The Del Lords, and Beth Hart. His work has produced many Grammy-nominated and Grammy-winning hits, and he holds the distinction of being the first guitar player appearing on MTV. Today, he continues to expand his creative portfolio: in addition to writing new songs for stage and screen, he is writing screenplays for feature films, touring, and reaching out into the community to work with musicians young and old.

ARI SUSSMAN, MASTER DISTILLER

Following three seasonal years of winemaking in France, Ari spent four years in an Artisan Distilling Program where he worked with dozens of students, entrepreneurs, farmers, and corporations to bring new spirits to market, often incorporating cutting edge techniques and processes. Ari has consulted on 15 new distilleries from the east coast to Detroit to California. In 2013, Ari founded the only distillery in his home town of Ann Arbor, Michigan, which won several accolades and awards in its first year. He has worked on projects that have earned the “Best Vodka in the World Award” in London and a “Top Ten Spirits” 2015 in Wine and Spirits Magazine.

PAUL NANULA, PRESIDENT

Paul Nanula is a veteran supermarket and convenience store operator, and currently serves as President of TheNanco Group (NANCO), as well as Steel Blending Spirits, the parent company of Three Chord. He also currently serves as President of Nanco Enterprises, Inc., and PSN Consultants, LLC, and served formerly as president of Granite Investment Services, LLC. He has had considerable experience in the food-related industry as operations and district manager for Tops Friendly Markets, president and CEO of Wilson Farms, a 200-store convenience food retailer, and interim president and CEO of Meals on Wheels of WNY.

BRIAN CANNING, CO-FOUNDER & DISTRIBUTION AND SALES DIRECTOR

Brian is one of the co-founders of Three Chord Bourbon with more than 25 years of experience in helping to develop and execute successful advertising and sales promotional campaigns in a wide variety of industries including Food (Frito-Lay, Heinz, Kraft), Nutritional Supplements (Natrol, TrimSpa, Prolab), Automobile (Hyundai, Lincoln Mercury), and Spirits (Skyy, Corona). He has been recognized nationally for excellence in advertising, production and public awareness with Addys, Tellys and Lambies.

WENDY ALMASY, CO-FOUNDER & CHIEF MARKETING OFFICER AND BRAND DIRECTOR

Wendy runs marketing for Three Chord and is also a co-founder of the brand. Early on she had a career at IBM Marketing, selling multimillions of dollars in products and services. She has extensive experience in branding, marketing and sales management along with digital marketing and promotions. She’s created some of the nation’s first innovative digital campaigns, apps and websites and has received multiple commendations and national awards, including many Tellys for her work producing commercials, videos, and documentaries.