

PATRICIA H. TROY -- Bio

Patricia Troy is a recognized community leader and business owner in Anne Arundel County, Maryland, where she has lived since 1976.

In 1989, Troy formed Bay Media, Inc., a publication management firm. The firm focuses on specialty publications for nonprofit organizations, Web sites, and local interest books. Bay Media gradually acquired clients requesting full-service organization management; and in 2000, Troy formed a new company, Next Wave Group, LLC, to handle these requests. Since that time Next Wave Group has expanded to provide management services to twelve organizations at the national/international, regional and local levels.

Always active in community work, Troy was the founding chairman of ASPIRE, Inc. (Association for Severna Park Improvement, Renewal and Enhancement) which she organized in 1994 to focus on community master planning. In 1980, along with three other educators, she founded Chesapeake Academy, an independent elementary school serving preschool through grade five. The school merged with Severn School in 2013.

She is a three-term president of the Greater Severna Park Council, an umbrella organization of more than 60 communities. She chaired the Anne Arundel County Advisory Task Force on Cancer Control and the Severna Park Small Area Plan. Troy served as vice chair of the Board of Trustees for Anne Arundel Health System and was chair of the Strategic Planning Committee. She is a past president of the Board of Trustees for the Cultural Arts Foundation of Anne Arundel County, past president of the Three Rivers Unit of the American Cancer Society, past president of Panhellenic Club of Annapolis and a former board member of the Friends of the B&A Trail. Currently she serves as president of the Anne Arundel County Public Library Foundation.

Troy is also involved in the business life of Anne Arundel County. She has served multiple terms on the Board of Directors for the Annapolis and Anne Arundel County Chamber of Commerce; she is a past officer of the Greater Severna Park Chamber of Commerce. In 1980, Troy joined the Severn River Chapter of ABWA and is a past president of the chapter. She is now a member of Maryland Capital Chapter of ABWA. In 2003 she was selected by ABWA National as one of their Top Ten Women in Business. In 2004 she was the recipient of The Association for Women in Communications Georgina MacDougall Davis Award (Founder's National Award). She has been named three times among Maryland Top 100 Women by the Daily Record. She was also selected by the SBA as Women in Business Advocate and was named to Annapolis and Anne Arundel County Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame.

Troy's education is a unique blend of coursework in education, media and nonprofit management. Troy holds B.S. and M.Ed. degrees from Auburn University and a CASE (specialist) degree from Loyola College. In 1994, she graduated in the inaugural class of Leadership Anne Arundel. She is a 1999 graduate of the Organization Management Institute run by the US Chamber of Commerce and has taken a variety of courses and seminars in nonprofit management. She holds the CAE (Certified Association Executive) designation, the professional credential awarded by ASAE (American Society of Association Executives).

She is the author of Flex: The Virtual Office Advantage. Troy, who operates her businesses virtually, outlines 12 principles for a successful transition from a conventional office to a virtual office. Presently the Next Wave Group team includes more than 25 employees and contractors. While most are in Maryland, some are located in other parts of the US. All work virtually using "cloud" applications.