



JOHN R. OISHEI FOUNDATION

PAUL T. HOGAN
Executive Vice President

Paul Hogan is a native and resident of Buffalo, NY. He spent much of his teens and early twenties working in his family's small office supply and printing business, eventually becoming general manager. After leaving to serve four years in the US Navy (which he spent shore-stationed in Rota, Spain), he decided to pursue a lifelong interest in writing at the University at Buffalo.

He completed a BA in English cum laude (minor in Psychology), left briefly to work in advertising and marketing, and then returned to pursue his Master's in Writing. On completing his MA, he was offered and accepted the David Gray Fellowship in Poetry and Letters under the late, internationally acclaimed poet Robert Creeley. Several of Paul's poems were included in *The Legend of Being Irish: An Anthology of Irish-American Poetry* (White Pine Press). He has authored two books: *Points of Departures* (White Pine Press, 2008), and *Inventories* (BlazeVox Books, 2012). He completed all coursework toward a PhD, but then decided against a career in academia, choosing instead to work in the non-profit sector.

For over 18 years, Paul worked and consulted for a variety of non-profit organizations in the arts, adult education, research administration, and community health and wellness. He was recruited in 2001 to be program officer with The John R. Oishei Foundation, a \$300M general-purpose private foundation providing grants of about \$18m annually to non-profit organizations throughout the western New York region. He was appointed Vice President in January, 2008 and promoted to Executive Vice President in January of 2014.

Hogan co-chaired the New York State Cultural Data Project Task Force for over six years and was selected to serve on the CDP's National Strategic Advisory Panel. CDP, now known as DataArts, provides management tools and comprehensive data on the economic, educational, and social impact of the arts. He has also served as co-chair of the Say Yes Primary Care Task Force, on the board of LaunchNY, a small business start-up support organization, and a number of other committees and boards.

Hogan has written much about Philanthropy and Nonprofit Management and has had a number of essays published in the national *Nonprofit Quarterly* digital magazine. In 2014, he was tapped to serve on *Nonprofit Quarterly's* Editorial Advisory Board. Also in 2014, he was awarded a Public Relations Society of America's Silver Excalibur Award for a keynote speech about art and mental health he delivered to the Buffalo Society of Artists' 2013 Annual Meeting. Most recently, he was selected as a poet to the 2015 cohort of the Burchfield Penney Art Center's Living Legacy Artist Project, a part of their comprehensive Arts Legacy Program.

He lives in the Buffalo suburb of Tonawanda with his wife, Barb, and dog Bo, and is blessed to have two perfect adult children, Matthew and Lianna.