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Garth Gibson is Co-Founder and Chief Technology Officer at Panasas Inc. (www.panasas.com) and a professor of Computer Science and Electrical and Computer Engineering at Carnegie Mellon University.

Gibson received a Ph.D. in Computer Science from the University of California at Berkeley in 1991. While at Berkeley he did the groundwork research and co-wrote the seminal paper on RAID, then Redundant Arrays of Inexpensive Disks, and now a checklist feature throughout storage industry products. Joining the faculty at Carnegie Mellon University (CMU) in 1991, Gibson founded the Parallel Data Laboratory (www.pdl.cmu.edu), one of the premier academic storage system research lab; founded the Network-Attached Storage Device (NASD) working group of the National Storage Industry Consortium (NSIC); and led storage systems research in the Data Storage Systems Center (DSSC), one of the largest academic magnetic storage technology research labs. Gibson participates in a variety of academic and industrial professional organizations including ongoing roles in the technical council of the Storage Networking Industry Association (SNIA) and the steering committee of USENIX’s File and Storage Technology (FAST) conference.

ANSI T10’s emerging standard for Object-based Storage Devices (OSD), and its sister SNIA OSD technical working group, were seeded by Gibson’s CMU and NSIC/NASD research. In 1999 Gibson co-founded Panasas, a scalable storage system cluster vendor pioneering the commercial realization of object storage and targeted at Linux cluster computing.

Gibson’s contributions to computer storage have been recognized by the prestigious 1999 IEEE Reynold B. Johnson Information Storage Award for outstanding contributions in the field of information storage.

ERIC C. COOPER

Founder
FORE Systems, Inc.

Eric Cooper received a Bachelor of Arts magna cum laude in mathematics from Harvard University in 1980 and a Ph.D. in computer science from the University of California at Berkeley in 1985.

From 1985 to 1991, he was a member of the computer science faculty at Carnegie Mellon University, where he conducted research in computer networks, operating systems, and programming languages.

Dr. Cooper co-founded FORE Systems in 1990 and served as the company’s first president and CEO. He led FORE from its initial focus on ATM local-area networks to a leadership position in both enterprise and service-provider networking. He took the company public in 1994, and served as FORE’s chairman until its acquisition by Marconi in 1999. When FORE was acquired for \$4.5 billion, the company employed 2,000 people worldwide, generated \$700 million in revenue, and earned \$50 million in net income.

In 1999, Dr. Cooper was appointed Distinguished Service Professor of Computer Science at Carnegie Mellon University. He also serves as a Trustee of Carnegie Mellon University and a Director of several technology companies in Pittsburgh.

ROBERT E. GRADY
 Managing Director
 The Carlyle Group

Bob Grady is a Managing Director of Venture Capital at The Carlyle Group, a global private equity firm. Before joining Carlyle in 2000, Mr. Grady was Managing Director and a member of the Management Committee at Robertson Stephens, the San Francisco-based technology investment bank. At Robertson Stephens, Mr. Grady directed the eCommerce Investment Banking Group, and previously had directed the Business Services and Applied Technology Group and the Financial Sponsors Group. Mr. Grady was deeply involved in the sale of Robertson Stephens to Bank America Corporation in 1997 and the subsequent sale of BancAmerica Robertson Stephens to Bank Boston Corporation in 1998.

During the last seven years, Mr. Grady has also served on the faculty of The Stanford Graduate School of Business, where he has taught a course entitled “Strategic Decisions in a Regulated World.”

Prior to joining Robertson Stephens, Mr. Grady served in the White House as Deputy Assistant to President George H. W. Bush and as Executive Associate Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). He had previously served as Chief Speechwriter and Senior Advisor for the successful 1988 Bush/Quayle Presidential Campaign, Director of Communications for New Jersey Governor Thomas H. Kean, and Chief of Staff to U.S. Congresswoman Millicent Fenwick.

Mr. Grady is a member of the Board of Directors of BlackBoard, Inc., Cidera, Inc., DevelopOnline Corp., InfoRocket and USBX, Inc. He serves as a Trustee of Environmental Defense, is Vice Chairman of the Board of Resources for the Future, is a Director of the Technology Network (“TechNet”) in Silicon Valley and is a member of the Harvard University Committee on the Environment.

Mr. Grady is a graduate of Harvard College and the Stanford Graduate School of Business.

NEEL SARKAR
 Senior Investment
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 Centennial Ventures

Neel Sarkar is a Senior Investment Professional at Centennial Ventures. A principal with Centennial Venture’s Austin office, he has been with the firm since January 2002. Previously, Neel was Director of Strategy and Business Development for Dell’s server and storage division. He also was a management consultant with McKinsey & Company in Atlanta and served a variety of clients with a focus on high technology and early stage companies. Prior to 1998, he spent six years in operations management, supply chain, and IT strategy at GE and Excelon. Neel has a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and an M.B.A. from the J.L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University.

JONATHAN FEIBER

Managing Partner
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In more than 10 years of venture investing Jon Feiber has identified and guided numerous entrepreneurs and played a significant role in growing category-leading companies. A managing partner at MDV he focuses predominantly on networking and computing systems investments.

Jon launched his career at Amdahl where he served as a senior engineer. He joined Sun Microsystems in 1983 where he worked in managerial positions overseeing product development and strategy in the areas of software development, software engineering technologies and networking. When he left Sun to join MDV in 1991 he was Sun's Vice President of Networking.

Jon holds a bachelor's degree in computer science and mathematics from the University of Colorado.

Investments: Acru Software (ACRU); Brocade Communications (BRCD); Collabra (acquired by Netscape); Epigram (acquired by Broadcom); Foglight Software (acquired by Quest); Ipsilon Networks (acquired by Nokia); Kalpana (acquired by Cisco); ONI Systems (acquired by Ciena); Panasas; Proofpoint; Terraspring (acquired by Sun Microsystems); Zip2 (acquired by Compaq)

NANCY SCHOENDORF

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When Nancy Schoendorf joined MDV in 1993 she brought seventeen years of industry experience in a variety of engineering and executive positions. Nancy leads investments in the areas of software and services.

Nancy spent 10 years at Hewlett-Packard as engineering section manager where she ran operating systems projects including HP-UX and its real-time extensions. She later joined Software Publishing Corp. (SPCO), creator of Harvard Graphics, serving as an officer and Vice President of R&D and Product Development. Following that assignment, she managed the development of the Solaris kernel and operating system as director of systems software development at Sun Microsystems.

Nancy earned a bachelor's degree with distinction in computer science and mathematics from Iowa State University and a master's degree with honors in business administration (MBA) from the University of Santa Clara.

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