



## **David E. Chesebrough, Ed. D.**

### ***President and CEO COSI Columbus***

Dr. Chesebrough is the President and Chief Executive Officer of COSI in Columbus, Ohio and began his leadership of COSI in April 2006. In his role as President, he is currently leading the COSI Team to further expand the institution's positive impact on the learning opportunities for families, students, teachers and teens. COSI serves as a respected science center and community gathering place for approximately one million people each year and was recently named the #1 Science Center in the country for families by *Parents* magazine. Dr. Chesebrough has led the effort to establish strategic partnerships with The Ohio State University, Battelle Memorial Institute, TechColumbus and others resulting in expanded opportunities for all to explore science, technology, engineering, math and health advancements in Central Ohio to encourage and inspire youth to pursue careers in these areas.

Prior to joining COSI, Dr. Chesebrough was President & CEO of the Buffalo Museum of Science for over five years where he led the rejuvenation of the institution, the development of its innovative strategic plan, and the first investment of \$3 million dollars into its implementation. From 1995-2000, Dr. Chesebrough served five years as Executive Director at the Roberson Museum and Science Center in Binghamton, New York where he raised five million dollars to jump-start its rejuvenation. Earlier in his career, Dr. Chesebrough was part of the management team that designed, fundraised for, built and opened the \$57 million dollar Carnegie Science Center where he spent eight years in various educational and development leadership positions. He was a former educator and administrator at the secondary and collegiate level for 15 years prior to switching to the museum field in 1987. He also served as an educational curriculum developer and consultant to Apple Computer, Microsoft, and other computer software companies during that time.

In 2003, the Association of Science-Technology Centers (ASTC), the international organization representing science centers around the world, asked Dr. Chesebrough to help stimulate and lead the discussion about new science center models. In concert with other national and international science center and free-choice learning experts and leaders, he has been involved continuously in this effort through workshops, writings, and online forums. He continues this work through both ASTC and COSI Columbus. In 2007, Chesebrough was elected to the ASTC Board of Directors.

Dr. Chesebrough completed his doctoral research at Duquesne University at Pittsburgh. His nationally noted research focused on Museum-Community Partnerships, was cosponsored by the American Association of Museums, and has led to many professional activities tapping his expertise on partnerships. He graduated from the University of Pittsburgh completing his bachelor's and master's degrees in physics, math, and science education.

He has authored numerous books, feature stories, articles, newspaper columns, and publications in the computer, education, science center and environmental fields. Dr. Chesebrough has served on various local, state, and national boards and advisories in education, museum, public broadcasting and tourism capacities for over 30 years.

Currently, he serves as a Vice President for the Association of Science Museum Directors, is co-chair of ASTC's Strategic Impact and Communications task force, is a member of ASTC's Leadership & Professional Development Committee. He is on the board of Nationwide Children's Research Institute (a component of Nationwide Children's Hospital) and served on the Creative Columbus Policy Commission and 2012 Bicentennial Commission. Chesebrough is an Arts & Sciences Faculty Fellow at The Ohio State University.