**Marlis Petersen Spawn, Catholic Charities of Spokane**

Marlis Petersen Spawn joined Catholic Charities Eastern Washington in 2021.  Catholic Charities serves and advocates for vulnerable people throughout Eastern Washington, by providing affordable housing, resources for those experiencing homelessness and services to support health and stability for children, families, and seniors. CCEW has been a member of NPIP since 2010, and strongly supports the efforts of NPIP to provide affordable insurance solutions, training, and risk management services to nonprofit organizations.  As Chief Financial Officer, Marlis leads the financial and risk management functions at Catholic Charities.

Marlis has over 30 years of accounting and financial management experience, previously serving as Vice President of Finance at Gonzaga Preparatory School and the Director of Finance and Accounting at Spokane Teachers Credit Union.  Marlis currently serves on the board of Rise NW, a nonprofit providing support for children who grieve the death of a parent, and volunteers for St Vincent de Paul, an organization providing financial and food assistance for families in need   Marlis has been actively involved in board governance roles, previously serving on the boards of STCU, Northwest Farm Credit Services, Jesuit Schools Network, and the Washington State Tobacco Settlement Authority. She holds a Bachelor of Business Administration from Gonzaga University and a Master of Business Administration from Seattle University

As of April 2022, Marlis has joined the NPIP Board of Directors as the Region 4 representative and is looking forward to representing the NPIP Membership.