



## Executive Advisory Board Member

### Mark Szollar

#### National Executive Director - National Association of Asian MBA's

Mark joined AscendNAAMBA as the Executive Director on July 8, 2013. Prior to joining AscendNAAMBA, Mark enjoyed a terrific 30 year career at The New York Times. Prior to his appointment as the Executive Director, Mark served on the NAAMBA Board of Directors. At the Times he has worked in a variety of positions and departments and retired as the Advertising Director of Diversity and Recruitment.

In addition to his career at the Times, Mark is an active member of "VOCES", the New York Times Hispanic-American Affinity Group. He is also on the Advisory Board for the National Association of Black Sports Professionals and the Advisory Board for Veterans Across America. Mark was also a judge of the 2006 Out and Equal, "OUTIE" awards. In addition, in 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010 Mark was invited to the World Diversity Conference held in Prague, the United Nations, Washington, DC and most recently Harvard University, to moderate a panel on how Sports brings people from Diverse Cultures together. Most recently in 2012, Mark received the "Advocate of the Year" award from the Student Corporate Internship Program", which identifies the most promising minority high school students in the New York tri-state area.

In addition to his professional career, in 2003, Mark was inducted into the Youth Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY, (not as a player but as an umpire). He loves youth baseball and volunteers his time umpiring Little League and Babe Ruth baseball.

Mark graduated in 1980 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Resource Recreation Management from Oregon State University and he received his MBA in Business Administration from Fairleigh Dickinson University in 1989.