## M. Brooks Turkel, CPA, FACHE

Brooks Turkel began his involvement with WCSI in 2006. Brooks participated with CCEP Cohort 5, he helped run the merchandise store, and he assisted with whatever the leadership and the faculty needed (guided by his wife, faculty member and Watson Caring Science Post-Doctortal Fellow, Marian C. Turkel, RN, PhD, FAAN). Over the years it has been his privilege to travel the world with Marian, Jean and WCSI supporting and presenting at events in Asia, Africa, Europe, Canada, and here in the US. 7



years ago, Brooks joined the WCSI Board and became its 3<sup>rd</sup> Board President. During the last few years there is particular pride in the stable financial performance, the creative expansion and outreach of CCEP, the initiation of the innovative leadership program, and the beginning of the formal recognition program. Brooks is particularly grateful for the support from the WCSI affiliates, his fellow board members, Julie Watson, Jean, and of course Marian his wife of 30 years. He sends a great big thank you and a "Whoosh" to the Watson Caring Science Community.

Brooks career includes over 35 years of financial consulting and executive experience. Brooks began his career in 1985 as a CPA with Ernst and Young (then Ernst and Whinney) in Fort Lauderdale. He has led hospitals and medical groups in Pennsylvania, Illinois, Massachusetts, and California including the development of programs for graduate medical education. He also lead the installation of a Caring Framework based on Jean's work at Hospitals and Medical Education Programs in Chicago, Philadelphia, Scranton, and Lancaster PA, touching

over 5,000 nurses and 15,000 caring staff. Currently, Brooks is a partner at Fuller & Turkel CPAs And Associates, LLP in Fort Lauderdale.

Brooks studied Chemical Engineering at Cornell University. He earned his bachelor's degree in accounting and Masters of Taxation from Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton and his master of business administration in healthcare administration from the University of Miami in Coral Gables, FL. He is board certified in healthcare management as a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives. He currently serves as the Board Treasurer for the Watson Caring Science Institute, and had been a regional policy board member for the American Hospital Association; and past Treasurer for the International Association for Human Caring. Brooks has served on the boards of many community organizations including the Commonwealth Medical College, the Wright Center for Graduate Medical Education, Lancaster Emergency Medical Services, the Central Pennsylvania Business Group on Health, and the advisory board of the Millersville University College of Science and Technology.