Based upon his 36 years of legal and philanthropic experience, Mr. Rick Hughey will explore the trends and challenges in developing and maintaining healthy and mutually beneficial relationships between foundations and grant-seekers. Additionally, he will address funder independence vs. interdependence, reactivity vs. proactivity, payout requirements, and evaluation. Further, Mr. Hughey will highlight some contemporary concerns among nonprofits, and provide a brief overview of the Irving S. Gilmore Foundation's mission, priorities and practices.

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Rick enjoys a special knack and passion for music. Drawn to music since early age, he has been a percussionist and drummer for over 50 years and performed with numerous groups and ensembles at myriad venues. Rick is also a member and co-creator of the RADIO KINGS, a radio theatre sound effects troupe, and has participated in ALL EARS RADIO THEATRE primarily as a sound effects artist.

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