

# THE INTERTWINE ALLIANCE

## 2015-2016 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



### **Mike Abbate**

Mike is a registered landscape architect and oversees planning, design, construction and facilities for Portland Parks & Recreation. Previously, Mike served as the City of Gresham's Urban Design & Planning Director. Before joining the City, Mike was one of the co-founders of GreenWorks, an award-winning landscape architecture firm in Portland. The author of *Gardening Eden*, Mike frequently speaks to community leaders and students about green development strategies.

### **Gary Barth**

Gary is the Director of the North Clackamas Parks & Recreation District (NCPRD). He joined Clackamas County in 2006 after a 30-year career in the financial services industry encompassing a broad and varied background in operations, finance, product management, business development and marketing. Gary had a number of volunteer connections with Clackamas County, serving on the original District Advisory Board when NCPRD was first formed 20+ years ago and also on the county Economic Development Commission. Gary is the former Chair of the Portland-Vancouver Regional Partners Council for Economic Development and currently serves on the board of the Clackamas County Business Alliance. Gary received his undergraduate degree from Portland State University and an MBA from the University of Portland.

### **Judy Bluehorse Skelton**

Judy has served as Cultural Student Support Specialist with PPS' Title VII Indian Education program, focusing on the traditional and contemporary uses of native plants for food, medicine, ceremony, and developing healthy lifeways. She has taught at Portland Community College and currently teaches at Portland State University: Environmental Education Through Native American Lenses, and Intro to Leadership for Sustainability. Judy has an MA degree in PSU's Leadership in Ecology, Culture and Learning program.

### **Emily Bower**

Emily is a landscape/urban designer in the Portland Metro area. Her expertise is providing project management, design development, public facilitation, and graphic communication on a variety of projects, which include land use/environmental planning, community development, and transit-oriented development. She combines her graphic proficiency in multimedia with a deep understanding of landscape architecture and urban design techniques on master plans, corridor studies, complete streets, urban redevelopment, and sustainability initiatives. Her work on multi-modal and multi-scaled projects has resulted in a strong belief that diverse community participation is critical to building inclusive, quality urban projects. Currently, she works for the Gresham Redevelopment Commission as the Senior Project Coordinator. She takes lead responsibility for project management on complex multi-faceted capital improvement and redevelopment projects.

### **Kathleen Brennan-Hunter**

Kathleen is the interim director of Metro's Parks and Nature Department, where she leads an extraordinary team who acquire and restore natural areas, plan and develop nature parks and regional trails, and invest in local communities through grants and volunteer opportunities. She joined the greater Portland area's regional government in 2007 to oversee a \$227-million bond measure, which has expanded Metro's portfolio to 17,000

acres of voter-protected land – spanning the forests, prairies, wetlands and streams that bring people to Oregon or persuade them to stay. For the past 20 years Kathleen has worked on land conservation and access to nature. When she's not busy leading Metro's growing parks and nature system, she can be found enjoying our region's big backyard with her husband and two young daughters.

### **Kristin Dahl**

In Kristin's role at Travel Oregon as Senior Manager for Destination Development, she stimulates recreation and tourism development for the state and facilitates the industry's transition to sustainable practices. Kristin directs the Oregon Rural Tourism Studio, a statewide initiative to promote the adoption of sustainable practices across the industry called *Travel Oregon Forever*, programs to make Oregon a premiere cycling destination in N. America, and collaborative tourism projects with the nine indigenous Tribes of Oregon. Originally from Juneau, Alaska, Kristin started her career in tourism as a glacier guide atop the Mendenhall Glacier, an experience that opened her eyes to the need for balancing economic growth with environmental stewardship. A whitewater guide and expedition leader, she holds a Masters in Urban and Regional Planning.

### **Don Goldberg**

With a deep background in commercial real estate and development, Don manages the Port of Portland's business development group and property marketing team. Prior to that he worked for 7 years as Senior Project Manager at the Trust for Public Land, where he won the 2015 Collins award, the highest honor for project staff. Don applied his private sector real-estate knowledge and nonprofit experience to put together creative partnerships with neighbors, environmental groups, private developers, land owners and public agencies. He brings this ability to work with various stakeholders and a belief in a holistic and balanced development approach to complex Port issues, such as mitigation banking and brownfield redevelopment.

### **Mike Houck**

Mike, Executive Director of the Urban Greenspaces Institute, has worked on local, regional, and national urban park and greenspaces issues since 1982, when he founded the Urban Naturalist Program at the Audubon Society of Portland. He is co-founder of the Coalition for a Livable Future and a founding member of The Intertwine Alliance. He co-edited *Wild in the City, Exploring The Intertwine*, which was released in November 2011.

### **Tom Imeson**

Tom is the vice president of public affairs of Northwest Natural Gas Company. He joined Northwest Natural in March 2014 after 8 years as the director of public affairs at the Port of Portland. His responsibilities included strategic planning, government and media relations, marketing communication, and environmental affairs. Prior to joining the Port's staff, Tom was a partner of Imeson & Carter, a consulting firm focused primarily on strategic planning and problem-solving for national and international businesses. Throughout his career, Tom has held a variety of posts for U.S. Senator Mark Hatfield of Oregon, served as chief of staff for Oregon Governor Neil Goldschmidt, and as chief of staff for Oregon Governor John Kitzhaber.

### **Isabel LaCourse**

Helping students connect with the world around them and reap the benefits of nature-based education has been Isabel's passion and life's work for over 14 years. Isabel has played roles in diverse formal and informal educational settings, including experience as the Garden Educator at Sabin School in NE Portland, a Para-Educator working with students with special needs, and as a trainer for Multnomah County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue. She began her career as a volunteer with Title VII Indian Education, where she helped kindergarten through fifth graders connect with Native culture through land-and-plant based learning. Isabel is excited to be working with Tualatin Riverkeepers to incorporate her perspective as an Indigenous person into her work and create opportunities for diverse and underrepresented communities in watershed health.

### **Bobby Lee**

In late 2011, Governor John Kitzhaber appointed Bobby to manage the Regional Solutions Center in the Portland Metropolitan region, a state agency team that works with local and federal governments in solving complex regional community development challenges. Prior to the appointment he served as Strategic Planning Manager for Hynix Semiconductor, the world's second-largest semiconductor manufacturer. He was responsible for corporate affairs and was the company's spokesperson. For five years he served as Director of Organizational Affairs for Worksystems Inc., workforce development non-profit agency for the city of Portland, and Multnomah and Washington counties. His background also includes serving on the Eugene City Council, Oregon State Board of Higher Education, U.S. President Bill Clinton's campaign staff, McKenzie Watershed Council, Asian Council, Oregon Workforce Partnership Board of Directors, and Eugene Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. He was elected as ASUO President for the University of Oregon student body, where he received his undergraduate and graduate degree in public administration.

### **Sue Marshall**

Sue Marshall is founder and principal of Trillium Consulting, an independent government affairs consulting firm representing and providing technical assistance to several Oregon non-profits with an emphasis on issues of clean water, fish and wildlife conservation. With a degree in environmental health and over 30 years experience in public policy and civic engagement, Sue honed in on environmental policy issues as director of Tualatin Riverkeepers. Sue is a skilled facilitator and has expertise in outcome-based strategic planning, fundraising, nonprofit governance and policy analysis. She likes to kayak and is a licensed rail motor car operator.

### **Doug Menke**

Doug was appointed general manager of the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District (THPRD) in 2006. He oversees delivery of high-quality park and recreation programs, services and facilities to more than 200,000 people in the greater Beaverton area. Doug has worked 25 years for THPRD. He is also active in his community, serving as a board member for the Beaverton Area Chamber of Commerce and the Beaverton Urban Redevelopment Agency.

### **Jonathan Nicholas**

Jonathan serves as chair of the Executive Council for Active Transportation, an outgrowth of Metro's former Blue Ribbon Committee for Trails. He is the Vice President of Branding and Corporate Communications for the ODS Companies. Previously, Jonathan worked at *The Oregonian* as a columnist for 26 years. In 1988, he invited readers on a bicycle ride across Oregon, essentially forming the annual Cycle Oregon event.

### **Bruce Roll**

As Watershed Management Department Director for Clean Water Services of Washington County, Bruce manages staff working on water resources infrastructure, watershed ecology, and policy and marketplace development. Prior to joining Clean Water Services, he served as assistant director of public works for Whatcom County in Bellingham, Washington, where he oversaw storm water management and water resources protection programs. Bruce has over 20 years experience protecting public health and the environment.

### **Dick Springer**

Dick Springer is a SE Portland native. He is a Princeton & U of O Law School graduate, member of the Oregon State Bar and former Navy officer (Ltjg) including Vietnam Service. Throughout his career, Springer consistently promoted the policies and practices that protect the environment. As a lawmaker, his environmental voting record charted by the Oregon Environmental Council and the League of Conservation Voters was 100% each session. During the 1989 and 1991 legislative sessions, Springer chaired the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources (Environment) Committee where he sponsored Senate Bill 66, the

nationally-recognized recycling law passed unanimously in 1991. Along with his 16 years experience as a legislator, Springer has extensive knowledge in environmental law, non-profit management and organization, fundraising, strategic planning and board development. Previously he worked as a Multnomah County Deputy DA and an Associate at Pozzi, Wilson, Atchison. Springer serves as a board member of Friends of the Columbia Gorge and has worked with For the Sake of Salmon and the Fair Contracting Foundation.

### **Owen Wozniak**

Owen Wozniak is a project manager with The Trust for Public Land, focusing on land conservation projects and related policy in the Portland metro area and the Willamette Valley. Reflecting The Trust for Public Land's mission of land for people, Owen has worked with local communities on projects ranging from urban community gardens, parks and natural area acquisitions, community forests, and habitat protection on private land. Owen currently represents The Trust for Public Land in the Coalition of Oregon Land Trusts, The Intertwine Alliance, the Rivers to Ridges Partnership, and the Oregon Department of Forestry's State Forest Stewardship Coordinating Committee. He is also author of [Biking Portland](#) (Mountaineers Books, 2011). In his spare time, he loves to explore Oregon and Washington on skis and take his four year-old son on bike rides.

### **Philip Wu**

Philip is a pediatrician with Kaiser Permanente in Portland and the clinical pediatric lead for Kaiser's Care Management Institute Weight Management Initiative. He also advocates in the community for changes in the built environment that promote families being more physically active and consuming healthier foods. He is currently a member of Metro's Executive Council for Active Transportation, Board Chair of the Westside Transportation Alliance, and a member of the advisory board of PSU's Initiative for Bicycle and Pedestrian Innovation. Dr. Wu has been in pediatric practice for twenty-eight years.