

## THE INTERTWINE ALLIANCE

### 2016-17 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 Clackamas County's Business & Community Services. 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 teaches at Portland State University and was a co-founding member of the Inter-Tribal Gathering Gardens. She has worked with federal, state and local Native organizations and tribes throughout the Northwest for more than 20 years, creating cultural activities focusing on traditional and contemporary uses of native plants for food, medicine, ceremony, and healthy lifeways. In 2014 she received the PSU President's Diversity Award and the Oregon Indian Education Association's award for Outstanding Indian Educator. She works collaboratively to integrate Indigenous land management practices with traditional ecological knowledge to address Food Sovereignty/Justice and reclaim the urban forest for physical, mental, emotional and spiritual health.

#### **Kathleen Brennan-Hunter**

Kathleen is the 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.

#### **Catherine Ciarlo**

Catherine is a Senior Project Manager at CH2M in Portland, Oregon, where she leads a variety of transportation planning projects. Prior to joining CH2M she served as the Transportation Policy Director in the Portland Mayor's Office. Catherine served as the executive director of Oregon's Bicycle Transportation Alliance from 1998 to 2005 and as a member of the Portland Planning Commission from 2006 to 2008. She is the former chair of TriMet's Transit Equity Advisory Committee.

#### **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 parks, trails and natural areas, climate change, and urban biodiversity issues for 36 years. The Institute's mission is integration of the built and natural environments, and incorporating green infrastructure for urban watershed and innovative stormwater in local and regional land use planning. He is a founding member of The Intertwine Alliance and serves on the City of Portland's Planning and Sustainability Commission. Houck leads natural history tours throughout the metropolitan region and is co-editor of *Wild in the City, A Guide to Portland's Natural Areas*, *Wild in the City, Exploring The Intertwine*, and the international *Routledge Handbook of Urban Ecology*. He is a native Portlander and holds a B. S. in Zoology from Iowa State University, a MST in biology from Portland State University and was a Loeb Fellow at the Harvard Graduate School of Design.

### **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 people 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 16 years. Isabel has played roles in diverse formal and informal educational settings, including experience as a para-educator working with students with special needs, and as the Environmental Education Coordinator for Tualatin Riverkeepers. Isabel began her career as a volunteer with Portland Public Schools Title VII Indian Education Program, where she helped students connect with Native culture through land and plant-based learning. The common thread of her work is to give students of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds the opportunity discover the value of nature through hands-on experiences. Currently in her role as a Stewardship Coordinator for Portland Parks & Recreation, Isabel is working to create opportunities for diverse and underrepresented communities to engage in watershed health.

### **Sue Marshall**

Sue Marshall recently moved to Clark County, Washington, to co-manage her family farm in Ridgefield, after a career working in Oregon on environmental and social justice issues. Sue also serves as Vice Chair of the board of Friends of Clark County and on the board of Slow Food SW Washington. Past environmental work includes 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. Sue honed in on regional environmental policy issues as director of Tualatin Riverkeepers, 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 240,000 people in the greater Beaverton area. Doug has worked for THPRD for over 30 years. 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**

Born and raised in the coal-mining valleys of Wales, Jonathan graduated from the University of Bristol then spent four years working on a series of international aid projects in the Himalayas. In 1982, he joined The Oregonian newspaper where he spent 25 years writing a column that served as a breakfast table staple for our state. In 1988, Nicholas invited readers to join him on a week-long bicycle ride across Oregon. Each September since, thousands of cyclists – now coming from all over the world – join him on Cycle Oregon. In 2008, Nicholas says, he decided the time had come to stop writing about what ought to be done and start actually doing something. He joined Moda, Inc., where he serves as a vice president, helping Oregonians reform the way they provide and pay for healthcare. Jonathan currently serves as president of The Intertwine Alliance board of directors.

**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.

**Owen Wozniak**

Owen is a project manager with The Trust for Public Land, leading conservation projects and related policy work in Oregon and Washington. Reflecting The Trust for Public Land's mission of land for people, Owen's work includes 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 five year-old son on bike rides.

**Philip Wu**

Philip is a pediatrician and member of the Community Benefit team at Kaiser Permanente Northwest and works to promote healthy, equitable communities through policy advocacy and system changes through the lens of the "social determinants of health." He serves on the boards of the Northwest Health Foundation, Oregon Oral Health Coalition, Outside In, Westside Transportation Alliance and the Community Cycling Center. He is a member of the transportation committee of the Westside Economic Alliance, the Washington County Transportation Futures Study project, and Metro's Equity Strategy Advisory Committee. He previously served on ODOT's Transportation Options Policy Advisory Committee, the Advisory Board of the Initiative for Bicycle and Pedestrian Innovation at PSU, the Board of Upstream Public Health, and Metro's Blue Ribbon Committee for Trails.