

THE SLATE OF NOMINEES FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2018-2019

As presented by the Nominating Committee of The Outdoor Circle

Steve Mechler, President

Steve Mechler (ASLA) has served in numerous capacities on the board, currently serving as board President and also Chair of the Beautification Committee for the Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle branch. He is a licensed landscape architect with a degree in environmental design. Steve is President of The Mechler Corporation, and for the past four decades, has designed landscapes for significant residential estates, commercial projects, and resorts in Hawai'i and throughout the Pacific rim. He serves as a Commissioner for the Mayor's Commission on Culture & the Arts.

Scott R. Wilson, Vice President

Scott Wilson grew up in Ventura County, California, and has live in Hawai'i since 1980. He has Architecture and Urban Planning degrees from the University of Hawai'i and has operated his own architectural practice in residential and commercial design since 1993. Since 1995 he has been a member of various community organizations, including Malama Manoa, AIA Honolulu, and Friends of the Natatorium. Since 2015 he has been a contributing author and spokesman for the Salvage the Rail Initiative sponsored by Hawaii's Thousand Friends.

Elizabeth O'Sullivan, Secretary

Elizabeth O'Sullivan has practiced environmental law for almost 20 years. She is currently an Assistant Deputy General Counsel at Hawaiian Electric Company, focusing on environmental law. She has also worked with and volunteered for many environmental non-profits, including the Nature Conservancy, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, and Trees Atlanta.

Diane Harding, Treasurer

Diane is currently the President of the Lani-Kailua Branch of The Outdoor Circle and has served as past TOC Treasurer and Branch Representative. She serves as a University of Hawai'i Foundation Windward Community College Ambassador and holds a Bachelor's Degree from MIT in mathematics.

Cheryl Langton, Branch Representative

This is Cheryl's sixth term on the Board, though she has a long history of support for the Circle's work. Cheryl is currently in her fourth two-year term as President of the Waimea Outdoor Circle. She and her husband operate their own business in Kamuela on the island of Hawai'i.

Kathleen Bryan, Advisor, Development Chair

Kathleen has served three terms as Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Committee on the Board. She has 30 years of financial experience and retired as Vice President and Manager of Financial Planning from Bank of Hawai'i. Kathleen dances hula, makes jewelry and is Treasurer for the Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle branch.

Mimi Bornhorst Gaddis, Advisor, Nominating Committee Chair

Mimi was born and raised in Honolulu and attended Hawai'i public schools. She participates in many outdoor activities including swimming, stand-up paddling, sailing, fishing and gardening. She currently sells residential real estate and previously worked in the maritime industry. She believes that development of the island can coexist with natural beauty and would like to work towards promoting that philosophy.

Lowana Richardson, Advisor

Lowana Richardson, born in Honolulu, now resides on the Big Island of Hawai'i, in the village of Honomu. She grew up in both Michigan and California, majoring in Elementary Education at Fullerton College. Lowana helped establish The East Hawai'i Outdoor Circle, as well as being an active and persistent voice leading to the re-establishment of the Big Island Arborist Advisory Committee. Her passion has been to help the homeless and mentally challenged adults. She will be returning to college in the fall.

Eric Hansen, Director

Eric is the Program Coordinator for Go Farms Hawai'i on Kaua'i. He has a M.S. in Tropical Conservation Biology and Environmental Science and a B.S. in Environmental Science from University of Hawai'i at Hilo. His work experience includes field crew chief for the Mauna Kea baseline botanical survey, managing the largest ex-situ collection of endangered flora for the National Tropical Botanical Garden, conducting botanical surveys for Environmental Impact Statements on Hawai'i Island, taro, ginger and orchard production.

Christian Palmer, Director

Christian is an anthropology instructor at Windward Community College where his research focuses on cultural perceptions and the use of public spaces like beaches and trails on O'ahu. He has a PhD in Cultural Anthropology from the University of California, Santa Cruz, a M.S. in Environmental Science from the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Sciences, and a B.S. in Biology and International Cultural Studies from Brigham Young University-Hawai'i. Raised in Ko'olauloa he has hiked and surfed throughout the Hawaiian Islands.

Jennie Peterson, Director

Jennie Martinez Peterson has been a long-time member and volunteer of The Outdoor Circle, including serving at one time, as Education Chair. She is recently retired, after 30 years, from the Hawai'i Nature Center where she was an Environmental Education Program Manager, Curriculum Specialist and Natural Historian. She is a member and volunteer for several environmental organizations and served as an advisor for Lyon Arboretum's education programs and for the Manoa Heritage Center. She served many years on the State's Na Ala Hale Advisory Committee and on the board of the Hawaii Environmental Education Association.