

THE SLATE OF NOMINEES FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2019-2020

As presented by the Nominating Committee of The Outdoor Circle

Scott R. Wilson, President

Scott Wilson grew up in Ventura County, California, and has lived 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 professional organizations, including Malama Manoa, AIA Honolulu, Friends of the Natatorium, and Hawaii's Thousand Friends. He has been a member of the TOC Public Affairs Committee since 2016 and as Chair has led the effort to draft a set of Public Policies and supporting statements which embody the 100 plus years of advocacy and action of the organization.

Jonathan Sudler, Vice President

Jonathan has been a TOC member since 2017, as well as the Vice Chair of the Arborist Advisory Committee to the Mayor's Office, Hawai'i County since 2018. He is a designer and corporate event planner, holding an MFA in Sculpture with a minor in religious studies and a strong interest in Art History. Jonathan is in constant search of creative solutions to many professional challenges. His focus on The Outdoor Circle is a positive reaction to the many environmental challenges we face here in Hawai'i and abroad. As we care for our trees, they care for us.

Kathleen Bryan, Treasurer

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

Elizabeth O'Sullivan, Secretary

Elizabeth O'Sullivan has practiced environmental law for almost 20 years. She is currently in the General Counsel's Office in the Pacific Division of NOAA, focusing on enforcement. 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.

Lowana Richardson, Branch Representative

Lowana was born in Honolulu but grew up in Michigan and California, majoring in Elementary Education at Fullerton College. She helped establish The East Hawai'i Outdoor Circle, and was an active and persistent voice that led to the re-establishment of the Big Island Arborist Advisory Committee. Her passion has been to help the homeless and mentally challenged adults.

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 believes protection of green space can and must be at the forefront of Honolulu's future. Her vision includes

partnerships between The Outdoor Circle, industry, and the community to maintain Oahu's natural beauty. She currently sells residential real estate and previously worked in the maritime industry.

Cheryl Langton, Advisor

This is Cheryl's seventh term on the Board, though she has a long history of support for The Outdoor 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.

Joan Gossett, Director

A TOC member since 1998, Joan has held various positions with the North Shore Outdoor Circle including recording secretary, Vice President, and Co-President. She has been in the event production business since 1983, with a degree in Drama and Theatre from the University of Hawai'i. Joan was born and raised on O'ahu and now resides on the island of Hawai'i, where she is recording secretary for the East Hawai'i Outdoor Circle branch. She would like to focus on planting as many trees as possible, in helping our efforts to save the planet.

Eric Hansen, Director

Since 2014, Eric has been the program coordinator on Kaua'i, for the agriculture incubator training program, Go Farm Hawai'i. He has an 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 experiences include commercial taro farming, orchard production, export ginger production, botanical inventories for Environmental Impact Statements, conducting a climate/ hydrology assessment for the island of Lana'i, numerous forest restoration projects, two internships with NRCS in Hilo, and managing the largest ex-situ collection of endangered flora for the National Tropical Botanical Garden.

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, an 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 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 Hawai'i Environmental Education Association.