

THE SLATE OF NOMINEES FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2021-2022

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 Hawaii 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. He has been a member of various community and professional organizations, including Malama Manoa (BOD member, President 2007-08), American Institute of Architects (AIA) Honolulu chapter (BOD member, Chair Regional & Urban Design Committee, President 2015), Friends of the Natatorium, Friends of the Haiku Stairs and Hawaii's Thousand Friends. He has been a member of the The Outdoor Circle Public Affairs Committee since 2016 and led the effort to write the Public Policies approved by the Board of Directors in 2019.

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. He considers that, "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."

Paula Ress, Secretary

Paula has been an enthusiastic member of The Outdoor Circle's board over the past 20 years and an active member of the Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle Board. She and her husband are long-time adopters of a small coconut park in Kailua, active workers on the landscape and outreach at Kailua United Methodist Church, is on the board of the Kalaeo High School Foundation, and she became a certified Citizen Forester for a tree inventory project on Oahu.

Kathy Whitmire, Treasurer

Kathy was TOC Board President from 2005 to 2007. Since then she has served TOC on its Finance and Public Affairs Committees and has been a Board member of both the Kaneohe and North Shore branches. She also chaired the TOC task force that successfully opposed "bus billboards" on Oahu in 2014. Prior to moving to Hawai'i, Kathy was Mayor of Houston for 10 years where she led the campaigns to stop billboard proliferation, plant over 2 million trees and expand park space. She chaired the Board of Scenic America from 2000 to 2002 advocating for scenic conservation at the national level.

Diane Harding, Branch Representative

Diane has served as President of the Lani-Kailua Branch of The Outdoor Circle since 2014, and on the TOC Board in various capacities since 2008, serving as past Treasurer and Branch Representative, and on its Policy, Finance, Trees and Public Affairs Committees. She was born and raised in Hawai'i, and is a retired software developer in the field of ocean science and seafloor mapping. She also serves as a University of Hawai'i Foundation Windward Community College Ambassador.

Denise Soderholm, Advisor

Denise grew up in Mesa, AZ and moved to Honolulu in 1992. She joined TOC's Board in 2003 as Assistant Treasurer and then served as Treasurer for 3 years and Vice President for 2 years before becoming President in 2009. Initially, Denise joined the Board at the urging of her late Mother-in-Law, Jane Morris, a long-time member of the Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle. She remained committed because TOC represents a mission she believed in. Denise and her husband, Erik, own and operate Soderholm Bus & Mobility. They sell and service buses, wheelchair accessible vehicles and auto adaptive driving aids. They have two children, Gus and Gabi, who spent many afternoons in the TOC conference room and share a passion for environmental issues.

Board Bios for TOC Directors are on the reverse

Gordon Aoyagi, Director

Gordon serves on The Outdoor Circle Manoa Branch Board. He is retired and has been in Hawai'i to join family since 2015. With about 40 years of mainland local government experience, he was a public transit manager in CO, CT, and OR and then in Montgomery County, MD, he served in senior executive positions in Transit Services, County Administration, Emergency Management, Fire and Rescue, and Homeland Security. He then consulted in Public Safety and Public Policy. Service on nonprofit boards included the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation, the Washington DC chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League, Japanese American Veterans Association, and the Colorado College Alumni Association Council. He is a Vietnam veteran. He received a BA from Colorado College and MPA from the University of Colorado.

Mimi Bornhorst Gaddis, Director

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. Her environmental passion includes collecting and removing marine debris, including fishing line, lead and lures from Oahu's nearshore waters. She believes the protection of green space can and must be at the forefront of Honolulu's sustainable future. Mimi's vision includes partnerships between The Outdoor Circle, industry, and the community to maintain Oahu's natural beauty. She is a licensed real estate agent and previously worked in the maritime industry.

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 Oahu and now resides on the island of Hawai'i, where she is recording secretary for the East Hawai'i Outdoor Circle branch. She believes TOC is a critical agency for helping educate the public and our state and county agencies in our planetary fight against climate crisis, using the planting and caring of trees for carbon sequestration.

Cheryl Langton, Director

This is Cheryl's eighth term on the Board, though she has a long history of support for The Outdoor Circle's work. She is currently in her fifth two-year term as President of the Waimea Outdoor Circle.

Maureen Murphy, Director

Maureen moved to Hawai'i after earning a BS in Ornamental Horticulture in 1978. In 1990 she started Horticultural Consultants International, a landscaping company that specializes in beautification projects, tree pruning and consulting. She is a Certified Arborist, a Registered Consulting Arborist, a Qualified Tree Risk Assessor, and a landscape contractor. In addition to a BS, she holds a Master's degree in Horticulture and a degree in Fruit Science. Maureen was introduced to The Outdoor Circle in 1980 and has been involved ever since. She has held various positions in several different branches, depending upon where she was living at the time. In the mid 2000's she served on the TOC Board as Vice President and is excited to serve once again. She currently serves as the President of the Kaua'i Branch.