

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2022-2023

Diane Harding, President

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 has an Applied Mathematics degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She is a retired software developer in the fields of geophysics, ocean science and seafloor mapping, having worked for the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory in Cambridge, Massachusetts, in Manoa at the University of Hawai'i Institute of Geophysics and the University of Hawai'i School of Ocean & Earth Science and Technology, and most recently for a DOD Contractor based at Marine Corps Base Hawaii in Kaneohe. She has also served as a University of Hawai'i Foundation Windward Community College Ambassador.

Maureen Murphy, Vice President

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, 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.

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 Kalaheo High School Foundation, and she became a certified Citizen Forester for a tree inventory project on Oahu.

Denise Soderholm, Treasurer

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 remains committed because TOC represents a mission she believes 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. Their two children, Gus and Gabi, who spent many afternoons in the TOC conference room and share a passion for environmental issues work in the business with them.

Cheryl Langton, Branch Representative

This is Cheryl's ninth 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, where she oversees the management of their Ulu La'au Nature Park. She previously served on the The Outdoor Circle's Branch Representative Committee, part of that time as the Branch Representative. She is happy to again take on the role.

Kathleen Bryan, Nominating Committee Chair

Kathleen previously served three terms as Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Committee on the Board and currently is embarking on a fourth term on the Board serving as Nominating Committee 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 fused glass and jewelry, loves hula, and is also the Treasurer for the Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle branch.

Scott R. Wilson, Advisor

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.

Gordon Aoyagi, Director

Gordon serves on The Outdoor Circle Manoa Branch Board. He is retired and has been in Hawai'i to join his 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 held various positions with the North Shore Outdoor Circle until 2014, 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, shade and greening our world.

Jonathan Sudler, Director

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."