

CLF Board of Trustees 2010

Jo Ann Bowman, At-Large Trustee and current CLF Board President

Jo Ann has extensive public policy development and advocacy experience and is President/CEO of Bowman Consulting Services. Jo Ann served as a Representative in the State Legislature for over five years where she advanced legislation to increase minimum wage, provide affordable housing, and improve the K-12 education funding. For eight years, she was also a Policy Facilitator and Board Liaison for the Multnomah County Chair's Office. Prior to her work at the County, she was Marketing Director for the Black United Fund of Oregon. Jo Ann has served on the CLF board as since 2001 and was elected Board President in 2006. Jo Ann feels that the CLF Regional Equity Atlas Project represents well why she continues to serve on CLF's Board. "Nowhere else are diverse organizations grappling with the questions associated with equity like we are. We continue to push ourselves through the discomfort and are clear regarding our objectives. I continue to serve because of the quality of our results and the excellent people I work with. I would be honored to continue my service on the CLF Board."

Darlene Carlson, At-Large Trustee

"I grew up in McMinnville, OR, graduating from Linfield College in 1962 with a degree in English and French. I have lived in Portland since 1964 working mostly in the public sector for Multnomah County and the City of Portland. A major portion of my career was spent as staff and policy advisor to Multnomah County Commissioner Tanya Collier and City Commissioner Jim Francesconi. I retired from Portland Parks & Recreation in 2007. I was the executive assistant for Parks Director Zari Santner, specializing in policy issues and City Hall relations.

My interest in environmental issues began in 1968 and these issues have been a major part of my adult life's work. I began working on local political campaigns in the 1970's and continue today being interested in policy issues and effective leadership. I am committed to building a better world and a better world community starting in my own neighborhood.

I have two grown children, seven grandchildren, and am married to Don Carlson. We live in inner SE Portland.

Why I want to be on the CLF board: I am very impressed with the work CLF has done on the Columbia River Crossing project. CLF spoke up before almost anyone else. They did their homework well and were effective spokespersons for other options. I would like to strengthen the relationship between low-income housing/equity for the poor with the need for parks and recreation. I think there are many ways to work together. I am most concerned about global warming and the lack of awareness and education around the subject, as well as the impact of poor environmental decisions on those who have the least power in our society."

Leslie Carlson, At-Large Trustee

After more than a dozen years of providing communications counsel to major corporations and state and local governments, Leslie Carlson founded Carlson Communications in 2000 with one goal in mind: to help clients communicate better. She brings those skills to her service for CLF.

Leslie's clients include many in the green building, cleantech and renewable energy sectors. Prior to establishing her own company, Leslie worked for a number of private and public sector organizations, including as an advisor to former Oregon Governor John Kitzhaber, as a member of the communications staff at PacifiCorp, as the Oregon Press Secretary on a presidential campaign. She served as the co-chair of Portland/Multnomah Sustainable Development Commission for four years.

“As someone with a longstanding interest in environmental issues, I’ve come to realize that creating healthy and sustainable communities isn’t just about making sure water is clean or air free of pollutants. True sustainability means we address the underlying systems that lead to disparities between overall health of people and their ecosystems. I look to support organizations that consider social equity an important part of true sustainability, and CLF certainly lives and breathes this principle. As a native Portlander and Oregonian, I also consider CLF’s regional approach and its uniting of over 90 different organizations throughout the region as something that can make true and lasting change.”

Tim DuRoche, At-Large Trustee

Tim DuRoche is the Community Programs Manager at the World Affairs Council of Oregon. Tim is very active in the nonprofit arts and cultural advocacy community, including being on the Multnomah County Cultural Coalition; on the governing committee for the Right Brain Initiative, a collaborative initiative developing a comprehensive strategies for providing equitable access to K-8 arts education across the Portland metropolitan area; is a frequent panelist for arts and culture grants; and a regular featured speaker for symposia with civic, education and arts and cultural organizations, including The Oregon 150’s Project 2059 Youth Action Summit, PNCA/Museum of Contemporary Craft, LiveWire Radio, Portland State University’s Humanities department, and the Multnomah County Library, among others. Tim’s writing about art and culture, urban history, and cultural policy have appeared in a number of publications, including Oregon Humanities, Willamette Week, The Oregonian.

"I wanted to join the board of CLF, because of my abiding interest in the connection between culture (education, the arts and humanities) and quality of life in the region. Too frequently we look at culture as an engine of economic impact and over look its community-building potential—risking pronounced political and social polarization. As we grapple with comprehensive city and regional planning initiatives, population growth, and swiftly changing social/economic/racial demographics, there's an urgency to articulate a more bottom-up, asset-based ecological view of the cultural sector that focuses on the contribution of culture to social networks and community building, especially around regional equity issues like arts education and access to culture on a neighborhood level. To foster a creative economy that maintains a balance between economic opportunity and social inclusion we need to engage a broader view of cultural sustainability that connects to durable strategies for neighborhood/regional vitality and community health and happiness. I think CLF can play an integral role in leading the way on this. "

Lisa Gramp, At-Large Trustee

Lisa Gramp serves as Assistant General Counsel to the Portland Development Commission. At PDC Lisa has worked on projects ranging from the agreement implementing funding for development in the South Waterfront, including the Aerial Tram, to the acquisition of affordable housing sites. Her former practice with the Boston firm of Goodwin Procter LLP focused on land use, real estate and construction law where she represented Habitat for Humanity Boston and the Trust for Public Land. Prior to becoming an attorney, Lisa received a Masters in Architecture and a Masters in Landscape Architecture from Harvard University. After working in traditional architecture firms, she served as a tenant advocate for public housing residents in conjunction with a major HUD rehabilitation project. That experience, combined with her concern about the environmental impacts of the built environment, led to her study of law at Northeastern University School of Law.

When asked why she is interested in serving on CLF’s board, Lisa said the following: “I specifically chose to live in Portland because it promised a quality of life that valued community, sustainable transportation choices (after years of abuse while bike commuting by Boston drivers, I am thrilled to be part of the bike “rush hour” in Portland), constrained development and protection of natural resources. Serving on the CLF board will give me an opportunity to be part of the effort to ensure that those values are not only preserved, but advanced. This work is vitally important, particularly

in light of the recent scrimmages with the property rights movement and its assault on the statewide planning system. Oregon is truly unique. I look forward to becoming a part of the community working to protect it and learning more about what makes Oregon so special.” Lisa will be an at-large board member.

Felisa Hagins, SEIU Local 49

Felisa Hagins is the Political Director for Service Employees International Union Local 49, a 7,000 member union with health care and property service workers. She has been working in the labor movement for the last seven years and believes that as the gap between the rich and poor continues to widen, organized labor must lead the way to the American Dream for working families.

Felisa is passionate about the work that CLF does and knows that each issue is important, not only to SEIU Local 49, but to working families across the region. She is interested in serving on the board because she sees that she and SEIU Local 49 have the unique opportunity to engage in a variety of important issues, such as transportation, environmental quality and affordable housing that SEIU does not have the capacity to work on alone. United through CLF, she sees that she & SEIU are lending their voice to issues that workers face everyday.

Mary Anne Harmer, At-Large Trustee

Mary Anne currently is Corporate Director of Account Management Strategy and Planning at Regence BlueCross Blue Shield and chairs the Regence Health Disparities Steering Committee. She sits on the National Blue Cross Blue Shield Health Equity work group, and has presented regionally and nationally around the need to address Health Disparities and Cultural Competency. She is very involved as a volunteer in the community and is a Board Member of Wallace Medical Concern, the largest safety net clinic in Portland, a member of the Community Advisory Committee for the State of Oregon Office of Minority Health, and volunteers regularly with the African American Health Coalition and with MIKE, Multi-Cultural Integrated Kidney Education program. Mary Anne has a special interest and expertise is in Emerging Markets and she successfully launched the Latino initiative at Regence BlueCross BlueShield. Mary Anne is recognized for her experience and work with multi-cultural and minority initiatives. As a leader in collaboration and community building, Mary Anne was winner of the Governor’s Partnership Award in 1999 for providing leadership regarding health-wide community initiatives, often focused on minority populations, and was also recipient of two national grants through the Kellogg Foundation and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. She has extensive expertise in brand positioning and advertising, as well as strategic planning.

Mike Houck, Urban Greenspaces Institute

Mike Houck founded the Urban Greenspaces Institute in 1999. The Institute’s motto: In Livable Cities is the Preservation of the Wild speaks to his philosophy that it is only by creating cities that people want to live in, cities with easy access to nature and a high quality of life, that the rural landscape and more pristine environments will be conserved. He is a co-founding member of the Coalition for a Livable Future. Mike is a member of the Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission. He is co-editor of the book, Wild in the City, a Guide to Portland’s Natural Areas, and wrote and produced Wild on the Willamette, Exploring the Lower Willamette River, a recreational and natural resource guide to the lower 35 miles of the Willamette River.

Mike's statement about why he wants to serve on the CLF board: “As a founder of the Coalition I feel strongly that there is a critical need to provide a forum for disparate---and unfortunately at times desperate---interests to air different perspectives and develop a common agenda. This ensures that members with relatively narrow viewpoints or agendas are exposed to a broader view of what makes a city and the Portland-Vancouver region sustainable and equitable. I feel the single most important role CLF serves, one that I feel needs to be re-cultivated and practiced, is to "cross train" one another and learn one another's issues. If affordable housing advocates and

people of color can speak passionately and knowledgeably about and work for parks and greenspaces issues and park and greenspace advocates understand and address social and environmental justice issues the Coalition will have fulfilled one of its most important missions. One of my most immediate concerns is that there seems to be, or there is perceived to be, an emerging schism between those concerned principally with issues related to equity and social justice and those in the urban conservation, parks and greenspaces community. Addressing this issue should be a high priority for the Coalition"

Mary Kyle McCurdy, 1000 Friends of Oregon

Mary Kyle McCurdy is Policy Director and Staff Attorney for 1000 Friends of Oregon. Mary Kyle received her B.A. in Human Biology from Stanford University, and her law degree from the University of California at Davis. She joined 1000 Friends of Oregon in 1990, where she has focused on urban growth management issues. 1000 Friends is a co-founding member of the Coalition for a Livable Future. Mary Kyle has served on the CLF board since 1999 representing 1000 Friends of Oregon and before that served on its steering committee for 5 years. Throughout this time, she has provided leadership to CLF on land use, affordable housing, and UGB issues. Metro will continue to be a significant decision-maker for the region on issues of livability and equity, including local agriculture, affordable housing, urban growth management, and the regional transportation plan. CLF can and should play a meaningful role in those decisions, and Mary Kyle would like to help guide that participation.

Martha McLennan, Northwest Housing Alternatives

Martha has spent almost 30 years working in the affordable housing and community development fields. She is currently the Executive Director of Northwest Housing Alternatives (NHA). NHA, headquartered in Milwaukie, owns over 1,500 units of affordable housing throughout the state with a concentration in Multnomah and Clackamas counties. NHA provides housing for working families, seniors and people with disabilities, and provides services for people experiencing homelessness in Clackamas County. Prior to coming to NHA, Martha worked for the City of Portland and Portland Development Commission in a variety of positions, most recently as the Housing Program Manager at the Bureau of Housing and Community Development.

Martha is a Portland native and traces her activist tendencies to her earliest years. Notable was her work at age seven on the Beaches are Forever campaign which helped to stimulate the public ownership of Oregon's beaches. About a decade later she worked as staff for the Legislature on the House Environment Committee during the passage of Senate Bill 100.

Martha has been involved with CLF in a number of ways including the Regional Equity Atlas, Affordable Housing NOW! and the annual Summits. She is particularly interested in the issue of housing affordability and how that is tied to growth, land use, and equity. She considers continuing her involvement on the board a great way to be a positive force in shaping the region's future

John Mullin, Social Services of Clackamas County Inc.

John Mullin is the Legislative Advocate for the Oregon Law Center and Co-Chair of the Human Services Coalition of Oregon. In addition, John is the recently retired Director of Clackamas County Social Services, where he oversaw services and programs for those who are elderly, people with disabilities, and individuals and families who are low income. Since 1975 he has worked with government agencies and non-profits that work with seniors and people with disabilities. He is a co-founder, board member or former board member of many organizations, including Northwest Housing Alternatives, Oregon Center for Public Policy, Community Action Partnership of Oregon, Advocacy Coalition for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities, among others. He has a Bachelor of Science, Psychology and Culture Studies, Empire State College, State University of New York, 1974; a Graduate Certificate in Gerontology, Portland State University, 1981 and a M.A. in Urban Studies from Portland State University, 1986.

John wants to continue on the CLF board, because he believes the mission is just what is needed as we work together to shape our livable future.

Marcus Mundy, Urban League of Portland

Marcus C. Mundy is the current President and CEO of the Urban League of Portland. He is both honored by and appreciative of the opportunity to serve the Portland community in this important and meaningful way, and is driven to serve his community through focus on Education, Employment and Economic Equity, and the Advocacy needed to effect change in those critical areas.

Mr. Mundy is also a Principal at a local healthcare compliance consulting firm, Mundy Consulting LLC. His practice assists clients in achieving compliance with respect to applicable laws, regulations and accreditation standards for their respective businesses, including but not limited to HIPAA, Sarbanes Oxley and other federal and state regulations.

Prior to his role at Mundy Consulting, Mr. Mundy was the Vice President and Regional Compliance Officer for Kaiser Permanente Northwest, responsible for directing staff and resources focusing on risk mitigation and compliance matters. He has had extensive experience in financial, operational, compliance and regulatory consulting.

Mr. Mundy attended Howard University in Washington, DC, receiving his Bachelor in Business Administration, and attended Howard University's Graduate School of Business. He received his Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree from the University of Oregon, in its Executive MBA Program (which collaborates with Oregon State University and Portland State University, respectively).

When asked why he wants to serve on the CLF board, Marcus' response was, "I am a candidate for this role because I, and the Urban League of Portland, believe in the work of the Coalition for a Livable Future (CLF). I believe in affordable housing, safe and available transportation, beautiful greenspaces, clean air and water, and a livable region, and I believe in this for **all** of Portland's citizens, including (and perhaps especially) the poorest, the communities of color, the underrepresented. I hope to promote the efforts of the CLF in every setting I have access to, and as often as I can, to help ensure that the Portland my children grow up in is clean, safe, sustainable and forward thinking about how we live in this region."

Kelly Rodgers, At-Large Trustee

Kelly Rodgers is the author of *Cartopia*, a book exploring and celebrating Portland's food carts. Kelly has been working in the field of sustainable urbanism since 1995, applying her expertise in urban planning, integrated stormwater management and community design facilitation. Kelly previously worked as an Urban Landscape Planner with David Evans and Associates, Inc., Program Coordinator for Renewable Power at Portland General Electric, Associate City Planner with the City of Portland, and Paul Gerhardt, Jr. Intern with 1000 Friends of Oregon. Kelly graduated with a Master in Landscape Architecture from the University of British Columbia in 2007 and an Urban and Regional Planning degree from Miami University of Ohio in 1995.

Kelly has developed strategic planning frameworks for sustainability; created evaluation tools; conceptualized sustainable solutions for neighborhoods, schools, and open spaces; and facilitated design workshops. Kelly has worked on green infrastructure projects such as a basin-wide green street inventory, an ecoroof cost-benefit evaluation, and a stormwater marketplace feasibility study. She organized a multi-stakeholder design charrette to create a Vision Plan for Gateway Green, and recently completed another charrette for the North Portland Willamette Greenway Trail. Previous community design experience includes the founding of Community Studio at the University of British Columbia, which efforts won the Student Community Service Award from the American Society of Landscape Architects in 2005.

Kelly is active in the community, providing strategic planning assistance and organizing events for npGREENWAY, the Cascadia Green Building Council, and Voice for Oregon Innovation and Sustainability (VOIS). She is also a member of the executive committee of the North American Sustainable Transportation Council, which is currently developing a LEED-like rating system for transportation programs and projects.

Kelly would be pleased to serve another term on the board of the Coalition for a Livable Future, not only for the great personal learning it affords but also because no other organization is as well-positioned to integrate the diverse and demanding issues of sustainability, livability, and equity into a unifying framework and ground it in a place – the Portland Metro region.

Bob Sallinger, Audubon Society of Portland

Bob Sallinger has worked for the Audubon Society of Portland since 1992 and currently serves as the Society's Conservation Director. In that capacity, Bob oversees Audubon's efforts to protect wildlife and wildlife habitat both in the Portland Metro Region and across the State of Oregon as well as directing Audubon's Wildlife Rehabilitation Center. Bob Has a BA in biology from Reed College and a law degree from Lewis and Clark Law School. He lives in Northeast Portland with his wife, Elisabeth, children Peter and Annabel, a dog and a couple of chickens.

Why Bob says he wants to serve on the CLF Board:

"During my time with Portland Audubon, I have been able to observe firsthand the incredible work of CLF. I deeply appreciate the way in which CLF brings together diverse interests to build healthy, complete communities. I also appreciate the diverse expertise that CLF is able to assemble to develop innovative policy positions that address some of our community's most challenging issues. Participating in CLF at any level is an incredible learning experience that has greatly added to the depth and breadth of my work. It would be a privilege to help build and develop CLF as a member of its board of directors."

Joseph Santos-Lyons, OPAL Environmental Justice Oregon

Rev. Joseph Santos-Lyons is a Unitarian Universalist community minister, serving as Coordinator for the Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon and Co-Director for OPAL Environmental Justice Oregon. A lifelong Oregonian, graduate of the University of Oregon with a Masters from Harvard, Joseph has a long history of community organizing and leadership development with communities of color, immigrants and refugees. Joseph worked for CLF from 1998-2001 specifically in N/NE Portland around anti-displacement and public engagement related to urban renewal and gentrification. Joseph sees this as an exciting time for CLF to reflect on its mission and purpose, particularly as it relates to authentically and significantly engaging fast growing communities of color in the region.