

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Bandana Shrestha, State Director



Bandana Shrestha has been State Director for AARP in Oregon since July 2021 representing the interests of over 500,000 members and overseeing the work of six professional staff and over 150 volunteers to advance AARP's social impact agenda for all persons 50 and older statewide. Prior to her current role, Bandana served as Director of Community Engagement and led AARP's livability work in the state, including growing and supporting the Network of Age-Friendly Communities, advocating for policies and programs that enhance affordable and accessible housing options, and expanding transportation and mobility options for all. Before joining AARP in 2005, Bandana served as Director of Model Programs and Partnerships for the Points of Light Foundation where she developed and led volunteer programs for community innovation and leadership development across general and multicultural audiences. She holds a BA from Linfield College, an MFA from the University of Oregon, and a certificate in Gerontology from the University of Southern California.

J. Michael Schultz, State President



J. Michael Schultz's 35+ year nonprofit career focused on philanthropy, administration, and executive leadership. He retired in 2021 as Executive Director and Philanthropy Officer for Legacy Health in Portland, where he collaborated with donors, foundation trustees and leadership to secure philanthropic resources for health care initiatives and programs. Formerly, he served as Vice President of Community Impact and Director of Strategic Marketing for the United Way of the Columbia Willamette where he helped develop funding strategies for community investments and impact initiatives such as 211info, Success by Six, and other community enhancement programs. In his early career as Executive Director for the Southeast Asian Refugee Center in Vancouver, WA and Head Start Director for Utah Navajo Development Council, he served immigrants, refugees, and marginalized communities. He has held many professional leadership roles, including Chair of the 211info Board of Directors, Co-chair of Oregon Volunteer Commission, Chair of Multnomah County Citizen Involvement Committee, and President of the American Marketing Association's Oregon Chapter. Michael has a B.S. in Sociology and a M.S. in Urban Studies and Policy Analysis. He lives in NE Portland with his wife Shirley and son Luke. Michael is a kayaker, hiker, and amateur painter.

Jay Bloom, Executive Council Emeritus



Jay C. Bloom is self-described as a social entrepreneur stimulating change for individuals, organizations and communities. Since 1983, he has provided executive and personal coaching while consulting with organizations under transition. Jay has undergraduate and graduate degrees in psychology and has attended executive management programs at Yale and Harvard Universities. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of InTRUSTment Northwest and the Governor's Commission on Senior Service, Executive Committee of the Age Friendly Portland & Multnomah County initiative, and advisory committees of Portland State University's School of Social Work, Encore Fellows and Villages NW.

Judy Boyer, Executive Council



Judy Boyer is the current President of the N/NE AARP Chapter 5264 which was chartered in 1999, and the only organized chapter in Oregon. She presides with a 24-member board of directors and over 200 Chapter members. Judy was born and raised in Portland and has a 40-year history of volunteer service with an array of local, regional and national organizations involving politics, civil rights, organized labor, education and senior issues. Judy has an extensive work history with local government and nonprofit organizations. In 2005 she returned to school for a business degree which she earned at age 58. She is a strong proponent of coalition-building for positive change. Judy lives in Portland with her husband, former state senator Bob Boyer.

Bob Bruce, Executive Council Emeritus



Bob Bruce is a retired university administrator. He served 32 years at major universities in six states, including the University of Oregon and Oregon State University. He is also a former State Coordinator of AARP's Tax-Aide program and currently serves on the AARP Oregon Legislative Advocacy Team and as a member of the AARP Salem Community Action Team.

Craig Bussey, Executive Council



Craig Bussey is AARP Oregon State Coordinator for Driver Safety. He earned his undergraduate degree from Ripon College in Wisconsin, his MBA with a concentration in Quantitative Management from Georgia State University and completed GSU's PhD program in Business Education focusing on management development programs. While an associate professor for the University System of Georgia, Craig initiated the first post-graduate level class in Business Strategy. He also developed courses for the Project Management Institute in Pennsylvania where he conducted classes throughout the United States and globally. He has served as Corporate Training Director for Menlo Worldwide and Simmons USA, and as Chairperson of the Management Department of Massey

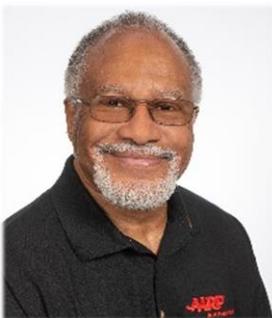
Business College in Atlanta.

Michael Fieldman, Executive Council



Michael Fieldman grew up exposed to an economic, racially, and culturally diverse environment on the southside of Chicago. This helped him develop an intuitive and experiential understanding of the social inequities and injustices and motivated him to pursue a lifetime career focused on impacting social justice issues through the field of non-profit and governmental human service delivery. During his over 50-year career, Mike has worked in many areas of social service programming from anti-poverty programs to mental health and substance abuse treatment, from domestic violence to early childhood and housing. He served in top executive positions in non-profit and governmental agencies for the last 35 years of his career. In the last 20 years, he served as the Executive Director of the United Community Action Network (UCAN) in Roseburg, Oregon. After retiring in 2019, he worked for Oregon State Representative Gary Leif as Legislative Assistant working on Housing, Homelessness, and Behavioral Health issues. Mike has served on numerous boards and commissions locally and statewide, including as a member of board and chair for 211Info and the Oregon Governor's Commission for Voluntary Action and Service. Mike was also a Governor appointed member of the Oregon State Housing Council. He has an MPA degree from Montana State University. He has been married for 33 years to his wife Katie, and has a daughter who lives in Melbourne, Australia.

Richard Hunter, Diversity Advisory Committee Liaison



Richard Hunter has been a volunteer with AARP since 2017. In addition to being Chair of the Diversity Advisory Committee, he serves as a member of the tech team, the Speakers Bureau and on the Legislative Advocacy Volunteer team. He became a volunteer after participating in several AARP events, including the AARP Oregon NeighborWalks. He's a native to Portland and is retired from ODOT Motor Vehicles Division. He is an active member of his community, serving on his neighborhood association and church. Richard also sits on the Environmental Justice committee for the NAACP Portland Chapter 1120-B and has served on several other committees including the Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

Madeline Kovacs, Executive Council



Madeline Kovacs is the Deputy for small-scale middle housing developer UrbanRoost, LLC, and longtime advocate and organizer for sustainable climate, housing, and land use policies. She was an organizer with the youth climate movement, both domestically and at the United Nations, where she co-launched the international youth journalism network Project Survival Media (now Survival Media Agency). Her graduate work at Portland State University focused on land use planning and advocacy for housing and zoning reforms in Portland and throughout Oregon. Madeline coordinated the Portland for Everyone coalition with 1000 Friends of Oregon and organized to help pass HB 2001 during the 2019 legislative session with Sightline Institute. Her experience also includes project management with local middle housing developer and general contractor Orange Splot LLC and interning with the Portland Bureau of Planning & Sustainability. She received her BA in Political Science from Macalester College, and is a 2018 Skidmore Prize recipient.

Arlene Krasner, Executive Council



Arlene Krasner taught technical writing and leadership to technical communicators and engineering students at Portland State University for over ten years. Before retiring in 2005, she worked as the Director of Hardware Engineering for a small high-technology firm. Arlene has a Bachelor's degree in Linguistics from New York University and a Master's degree in English (Writing) from San Jose State University. From 1978 to 1980, Arlene taught sign-language to chimpanzees (Washoe Project). Since retiring, Arlene has worked with non-profits in Mexico and Oregon. She has been an AARP Oregon State Volunteer leader since 2017, working as the Volunteer Lead for the Southern Oregon Community Action Team and the On-Boarding team.

Margaret Neal, Executive Council



Margaret B. Neal, Ph.D., is Professor Emerita of Urban Studies at Portland State University. She directed the University's Institute on Aging from 2003 to 2018 and taught graduate courses in gerontology, survey design and data collection, and global aging. In 2006, Dr. Neal led Portland's participation in the World Health Organization's Global Age-Friendly Cities project. Since then she has co-coordinated the Age-Friendly Portland and Multnomah County initiatives. Dr. Neal's research interests include age-friendly and dementia-friendly communities, transportation and neighborhood design for healthy aging, older workers, global aging, program evaluation, and work and family care issues. Dr. Neal is a Fellow of the Gerontological Society of America and the Academy for Gerontology and Geriatrics in Higher Education, and she is the current president of the Oregon Gerontological Association. Dr. Neal holds master's and doctoral degrees in urban studies specializing in gerontology and research methods from Portland State University and her Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish from Indiana University.

Jeanne Teisher, Executive Council



Jeanne Teisher currently serves as State Coordinator for the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Program. Her first career path was teaching physical education and coaching junior high girls in Texas and then working with people with intellectual disabilities in New Mexico. That position led her to New Mexico Special Olympics (NMSO) where she held positions as the Program/Training Coordinator and the Executive Director. In 1990, she moved to Beaverton with her husband Jim. For ten years, she continued in the human service, non-profit field developing and managing programs for high-risk youth in the Washington County area. After 26 years of working for non-profits, she changed careers, and began with Nike in 2000. As a project manager, she helped create and implement automated factory payment processes, working with various development teams, global factories, and global Nike liaisons. She retired from Nike after 20 years, when the last of the factories had converted to the new payment method.