



TRAIL of Johnson County 2020 Board of Directors

Michelle Buhman (Past Chair) is the Program Specialist at the Iowa City/Johnson County Senior Center. She holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the University of Iowa and a Masters in Gerontology from Iowa State University. She enjoys spending time with family, cooking, biking, and new learning experiences. She chairs the TRAIL Vendor Committee.

Marty Fields is a retired Department Administrator for Hospital Dentistry at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. She is completing a two-term commitment to the Board of Directors of the Iowa City Free Medical and Dental Clinic and serves on the membership committee at the Johnson County Senior Center. She chairs the TRAIL Member Appreciation Committee.

Vincent Gaffney is a Trust Officer at Hills Bank and Trust Company and serves on TRAIL's Fundraising Committee. He is a native of Solon and currently resides in Coralville. Vincent earned both his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Iowa. He currently serves on the board of the Cedar Rapids Area Estate Planning Council and is a past board member of the North Liberty Kiwanis.

Beth Beadle Legue (Treasurer) is a Trust Officer at MidWestOne Bank in Iowa City and chairs the TRAIL Finance Committee. She previously worked in the Trust Department at First National Bank of Muscatine, where she also served on the board of the Muscatine Welfare Association, a nonprofit providing affordable housing to individuals with disabilities. She earned her J.D. from the UI College of Law after completing her undergraduate degree in political science with a minor in economics at Knox College.

Diana Lundell (Secretary) is a retired communications professional with more than 35 years of experience in health care public affairs, media relations, and internal communications. In addition to serving as TRAIL Board secretary, she chairs the Communications/Member Recruitment Committee. A long-time community volunteer, she currently also serves as Chair-elect of the Iowa City Hospice Board of Directors, and as treasurer of the Coralville Public Library Foundation.

Peggy Mills is Professor of Russian at the University of Iowa. She has spent almost 40 years working, consulting, conducting research, and facilitating academic exchanges in Russia. In 2005, she received her Master in Public Health (MPH) with a "Community and Behavioral Health" specialty. She has volunteer experience at Mercy Hospital and Iowa City Hospice, and maintains an active volunteer role in Table to Table. She serves on TRAIL's Member Recruitment Committee.

Marlea O'Brien is a TRAIL volunteer, donor, and chair of the Volunteer Committee. Prior to retirement, Marlea was the Research Manager of the UI's Child Language Research Center, a large, interdisciplinary, and multi-institutional laboratory. As a long-established member of the Iowa City community, Marlea brings nonprofit board experience and a variety of volunteer experiences to her role with TRAIL. Marlea also currently volunteers with the Iowa City Community School District and University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics.

Dottie Persson is a retired librarian, University of Iowa Libraries and retired adjunct assistant professor, Educational Policy and Leadership Studies Department, UI College of Education. She is an active volunteer for Shelter House, the University of Iowa Institutional Review Board, the American Library Association, and the League of Women Voters. She is thoroughly Midwestern, born and raised in Ohio, and has degrees from Ohio University, Indiana University, and the University of Iowa. She enjoys women's basketball, volunteer work, and traveling in the U.S. and abroad. She serves on TRAIL's Vendor Committee.

Susan Shullaw (Chair) is an Iowa City-based communications consultant serving higher education, nonprofits, and small business. Prior to launching her firm in 2010, she was Senior VP for Strategic Communications for the University of Iowa Foundation (now Center for University Advancement). She also serves on the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation Board of Directors.

Joy Smith became an active community volunteer after her career in public education, working on behalf of many arts and human services nonprofits. She currently serves on the Iowa Women's Foundation Advisory Council and is a classroom volunteer at Horace Mann Elementary.

Barb Stein retired from the Iowa City Community School District in 2005 after 35 years, and worked part-time for James Investment Group and in the children's section of Prairie Lights. She chairs the TRAIL Social and Educational Events Committee, and enjoys learning about anything that promotes healthy aging.

Elizabeth Swanson holds BSN and master's degrees in nursing and a PhD in Student Development and Personnel from the University of Iowa. Before retiring in late 2018, Liz worked for the UI for more than 44 years, the majority of that time in the College of Nursing. Liz has taught at the undergraduate and graduate levels, worked in administration and international programs, conducted research, and authored a number of articles and books. She chairs the TRAIL Fundraising Committee.

Alex Taylor (Chair-Elect) is an Iowa City native, UI graduate, active community volunteer, business educator, and entrepreneur. He previously served as Associate Director of Executive Education and the Executive MBA Program at the UI Tippie College of Business, and is now Director of Clinical Collaboration for IDx in Coralville. Alex and his wife, Laura, also own and manage Woofables Gourmet Dog Biscuits.