



Annual Meeting of the Membership

President: Robert Zagunis

Overlook

Date and Time: Monday, May 2, 2022 at 5:00pm

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COMMITTEE ON TRUSTEES REPORT

Outgoing Trustees

Ann Carter
Bill Hughes
Lindley Morton
Darren Nakata

Incoming Trustees

Trustees to be nominated for second three-year terms:

Janelle Jimerson
Travers Hill Polak

Candidates to be nominated for first three-year term:

Jim Coonan	Tatsuo Ito
Bart Eberwein	Mark Stell
Sally Gibson	John Tarpey
Naoki Kuze	

Incoming Officers

President: Drake Snodgrass
President Elect: Paul Schommer
Vice President: Cal Tanabe
Vice President: Doug de Weese
Treasurer: Jeff Wolfstone
Secretary: Trish Adams
Immediate Past President: Robert Zagunis

Remaining Current Trustees

Gwyneth Gamble Booth	Sue Reynolds
Katherine Frandsen	Cathy Rudd
Ronna Hoffman	Dorie Vollum
Yoshio Kurosaki	Dan Schwoerer
Polly Lauser	Alice Wiewel
Martin Lotti	Carmen Wong
Paul Loving	

Foundation Board Members

Dee Ross, Chair
Steve Bloom, President
Dede DeJager, Vice President
Diane Freeman, Secretary/Treasurer
Trish Adams
Sandy Chandler

Greg Fitz-Gerald
Katherine Frandsen
James D. Lynch
Allen Mercer
Valerie Sasaki
Cecelia Tanaka

2022 Board of Trustees Nominee Biographies



Jim Coonan is a successful entrepreneur and investor with a long avocational interest in the entrepreneurial ecosystem. Jim's business career includes CEO/Chair positions in defense/aerospace, consumer electronics, telecom and software; and past experience in consumer foods brand management.

In support of entrepreneurial efforts in the state Jim has served as an executive or board member for organizations including RAIN (Regional Accelerator and Innovation Network), PAN (Portland Angel Network) and OEN (Oregon Entrepreneurs Network). Also, Jim ran the Bend Venture Conference in Bend for a number of years.

Jim has served on the state's Oregon Growth Board which invests funds generated through the Oregon lottery.

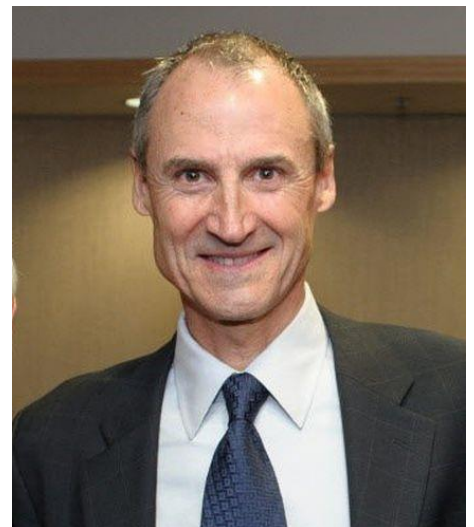
Jim has been active in creating a number of the state's best known early stage funds including most prominently the Oregon Venture Fund which has become the state's single largest fund.

Currently, Jim teaches at the University of Oregon Executive MBA program advising students for their capstone project. It's hardly work but Jim still gets to play cowboy running the family ranch producing grass fed, organic beef. Jim received his BA from Stanford University and his MBA from Northwestern University.

Bart Eberwein grew up in Baltimore and graduated from the University of Oregon with a BS in Journalism and a Master's in Business Administration.

Retired from Hoffman Construction Company since 2020, Bart served the company for over 30 years, recently served as their Executive Vice President. Bart's community involvement includes board stints at the United States National Forest Foundation, Catlin Gabel School, Literary Arts, Cycle Oregon, Architecture Foundation of Oregon, and the Oregon Symphony. Oregon Governors have appointed him to the Oregon Land Conservation Development Commission (2010 – 2018) and the Oregon Arts Commission (2006 – 2010). He has also served as Canada's honorary consul to Oregon.

When Bart is not busy with his numerous volunteer commitments, he enjoys spending time with his wife and son in the outdoors, cycling, and traveling.



Sally Gibson

Community Volunteer

Native of Sacramento and a lifelong Californian. Sally has rekindled her affection for Portland and its environment in recent years. After graduation with a major in City Planning and a minor in East Asian Studies from Callison College, which included a year-long study in India, Sally came to Portland in 1975 to work with the American Institute of Architects Portland Community Design Center as a VISTA volunteer. Her interest and efforts were focused on the promotion of a more vibrant and livable city.

Sally returned to California and pursued a career in the travel industry. Managing the American Express office in Sacramento gave her multiple opportunities to experience leadership roles within the community. It also allowed considerable business and personal travel around the globe, and in particular, to Asia and Japan.

Travel has helped foster her particular passion for the textile arts. She has studied with weavers, knitters, spinners, dyers, and fabric makers from around the world. For many years she has taught weaving and knitting in California. This augments her interest in gardening, cooking, and design.

Now while residing part of the year in Portland, Sally lives near the Portland Japanese Garden. While in town, she frequents the Garden and treasures the peace, harmony, and enlightenment it promotes.



Tatsuo Ito was born and raised in Nagoya, Japan, and is a graduate of Nagoya University with a degree in Physics. He currently serves as Executive Vice President of SEH America, which is part of the largest producer of semiconductor silicon wafers in the world, Shin-Etsu Handotai (SEH), and an integral part of the ShinEtsu group in Japan. Prior to coming to the US for the second time in 2004, Tatsuo served as plant manager in SEH Malaysia where he spent ten years and in two Japan plants overseeing start-up of new production.

He serves on the advisory board of Portland State University's Center for Japan Studies as well as on the Executive Committee of Japan-America Society of Oregon.

He now travels to Japan multiple times a year on business, but enjoys living abroad, which affords him the enriching experience of fully embracing a different culture.

Tatsuo believes in celebrating the cultural diversity and camaraderie between the US and Japan.

Naoki Kuze

President/CEO, St. Cousair, Inc.

Naoki was born and raised in Nagano, Japan, where his parents operated a lodge called "Pension Kuze" for ski tourists. They served hand-made apple jam for breakfast, which was the origin of St. Cousair, Co. Ltd. The company located in Nagano, Japan, operates a winery, manufactures specialty food, and currently has 150 retail stores nationwide. In 1997, after high school, Naoki studied abroad in the USA and graduated from the University of California, Davis with a Viticulture and Enology major. He gained great education from his college, and additionally he learned the importance of marketing from his night-time job at the Mikuni Japanese Restaurant. Furthermore, as an intern and full-time employee at different wineries, he gained valuable experience of working with people of different background and diversity.



He met Minh-Thu, his wife, at UC Davis who agreed to be his girlfriend after his 7 times of hard trial. In 2004, Naoki went back to Japan to join his family's business. In 2015 after gaining business experience in Japan, he decided to move to the USA with his wife and daughter to challenge their long-time dream of expanding the family's business in the USA. In 2017, they launched a food manufacturing facility in Newberg, Oregon, and started the Japanese specialty food brand "Kuze Fuku & Sons" with the passion of sharing the beautiful Japanese culture through his products to the people in the USA and throughout the world. Naoki currently lives in Sherwood, Oregon with his wife, 2 daughters, and a dog, where he enjoys weekend gardening, cooking, DIY construction, and golf.



Mark Stell is the Managing Partner/Founder of Portland Coffee Roasters established 1996. As Managing Partner Mark oversees a staff of 85 and is responsible for all areas of the operation. His leadership has earned the company local, national, and international recognition for its business achievements and sustainability initiatives. Portland Coffee Roasters is a carbon neutral company and has won both the SCAA's Sustainability Award, and the Roast Magazine Roaster of The Year for its Quality and Sustainability programs. Portland Coffee Roasters is a roaster retail business with wholesale nationally and retail locally.

Mark is also the founder of Portland Global Initiatives a global nonprofit that's focus is to helping coffee communities around the world.

In addition to roasting and retail Mark and his family also run a coffee farm in Tanzania Africa and sell the farms coffee all over the world.

John Tarpey
Journalist, Diplomat

Prior to settling in Portland in 2018, John Tarpey had a 40-year career in journalism, public affairs, and diplomacy in numerous countries around the world.

John was most recently Director of Communications at the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), a United Nations agency in Geneva, Switzerland, overseeing the organization's external relations, press, publications, information platforms, and corporate image. He represented WIPO at various fora worldwide and maintained a range of cooperative efforts with 190 member countries and relevant international organizations, NGOs, and private sector groups.

Before joining WIPO in 1999, John was a journalist covering international relations, business and economic affairs in the United States, the Middle East, and South Asia for 20 years. He was a reporter for *The Washington Star* and *The Hartford Courant*, where he was also business editor, and an editor and correspondent at *Business Week* magazine in New York and abroad. His work has appeared in *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Independent*, *The International Herald Tribune*, and other publications.

Throughout his career, John has been active in education and academic exchange. He taught journalism, writing and public affairs at The American University in Washington, D.C., and as a Fulbright Fellow at the University of the Punjab in Lahore, Pakistan. He was a 2008 Faculty Fellow at the Salzburg Global Seminar and served as a board member of the American Fulbright Foundation of Morocco, which managed academic exchange programs between the U.S. and Morocco.

During his time in Geneva, John served for six years on the Board of Governors of the International School of Geneva, an institution with 4,000 students at three campuses across Geneva. As Treasurer, he helped develop and oversee an extensive capital expansion program which included the fundraising, financing, and construction of a new elementary school, arts center, sports center, and numerous other projects across the campuses.

John and his wife, Dona Tarpey, live in the southwest hills of Portland. They have two sons, who currently live in San Francisco and Berlin, Germany.





Annual Meeting of the Membership Minutes

Meeting: May 3, 2021 at 3:00pm

Zoom Meeting

President: Robert Zagunis

Welcome: Robert Zagunis

The 2021 Annual Meeting took place via Zoom on May 3, 2021 due to the pandemic. Robert welcomed the group and expressed appreciation for members, donors, staff, volunteers, and the Board of Trustees dedication and support of the Garden during this challenging time.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Robert Zagunis

The April 22, 2020 minutes were already approved at the May 20, 2020 Board of Trustees meeting, no action was required.

Steve recognized Board members who will be completing their terms this year, as well as those who completed their terms in 2020 and whom were not formally honored at the 2020 Annual Meeting due to the pandemic.

2020	2021
Katherine Frandsen	Dean Dordevic
Cathy Rudd	Carol Otis M.D.
Dorie Vollum	

Thank you all for your service to the Portland Japanese Garden. We are so grateful for your dedication and support!

Committee on Trustees: Paul Loving

It was recommended to elect Martin Lotti for his second three-year term:

Robert Zagunis entertained a motion to confirm the second three-year term. The motion moved, was seconded, and it passed unanimously. We are thrilled to have Martin on the Board for another term.

It was recommended to elect the following individuals for their first three-year term:

Katherine Frandsen
Sue Reynolds
Cathy Rudd
Dorie Vollum
Alice Wiewel
Carmen Wong

Robert Zagunis entertained a motion to accept this slate of new Trustees. The motion moved, was seconded, and it passed unanimously. We are excited to welcome these members to the Board!

The 2021-2022 Board Officers were introduced. Due to the ongoing pandemic, the Board of Trustees re-elected all current officers to another 1-year term that will end at the conclusion of the 2022 Annual Meeting:

President: Robert Zagunis
President Elect: Drake Snodgrass
Vice president: Dr. Calvin Tanabe
Vice President: Paul Schommer
Secretary: Janelle Jimerson
Treasurer: Doug de Weese

2019 Audit Report-Lee McGee

The 2019 audit was completed in mid-June and those results were reported to the Budget and Finance Committee and the Board of Trustees in July. Both the Committee and the Board accepted the audit unanimously.

The audit conducted was a consolidated financial statement of the Portland Japanese Garden and its affiliates, which includes the Foundation. There were no exceptions resulting in an unmodified report on the audit. The 2019 financial results were also presented showing that the organization is still very strong.

The 2020 audit is still in progress and will be presented at the next Annual Meeting.

CEO Report: Steve Bloom

The Garden closed for several months starting in March 2020 due to the pandemic. The difficult decision was made to lay off most of the staff and keep a small core group of employees to keep the garden running and preserve the Garden long-term. Despite the closures and the layoffs, and due to budget cuts, we were able to end a difficult year in a surplus. Steve thanked the staff and the Board for their stewardship throughout the past year, as well as all of our members for their support monetarily and otherwise to help the Garden survive.

Steve thanked Jenny Herman who made a \$2 million gift in recognition of her late husband Ron who was a member of our International Advisory Board and helped the International Japanese Garden Training Center come to fruition. This gift was made to help sustain the Garden once the pandemic ends. Thank you for your generosity and continued support Jenny!

Due to the pandemic, most of the exhibitions that had been planned were unable to be completed. This gave us the opportunity to showcase exhibitions from our own collection, as well as some of our member's collections. One planned exhibition we were able to complete was a display of photos from the Manzanar Concentration Camps in WWII. Occurring at a time when our country was going through social unrest, this exhibit was a good reminder that the Garden was born out of the ideals of peace and social justice.

2020 was a year of learning and we are committed to come out of the pandemic stronger and better than before. Steve thanked the members, donors, volunteers, the Board and the staff for their support and resiliency.

New Business-Robert Zagunis

There is no new business to report.

Presentation: The Japan Institute-Steve Bloom

The Japan Institute came from the idea that the Garden was underutilized as a platform to learn more about Japanese culture, as well as share and provide education on a broader scale. It became clear as we continued to increase our membership base, our educational programs, and our admissions every year, that there was a strong desire and need for these new programs, not only here in Portland but internationally. Through relationship building with partners locally, nationally, and internationally, our desire to further advance the mission of the Portland Japanese Garden strengthened. During these conversations, it became clear we needed to reposition ourselves and our branding to separate the programs and training center from the Garden. As a result, the Japan Institute of Portland Japanese Garden was born. The Japan Institute is made up of three different centers:

- The Global Center for Culture and Arts will allow us to expand our educational programs, festivals, performing and visual arts and exhibitions, by allowing us to partner with collaborators around the world and offer a residency program right here in Portland.
- The International Japanese Garden Training Center focuses on teaching design construction and maintenance of Japanese gardens to a broad array of audiences ranging from amateurs to professionals from around the world.
- The International Exchange Forum focuses on sharing ideals, stories, and lessons we've learned in communities in Portland and around the world. Our first international program will be in London with the objective to help change the mindset about Muslims residing in London, just as we were able to help change the mindset about Japanese residing in Portland. The intent is to share the story of our very first Garden Director, Kinya Hira, who we are as an institution, and what we have done for our community after such cultural diplomacy.

A campus has been located to house The Japan Institute. The campus is 3.65 acres and is nestled up against Forest Park only three miles from the Garden. It houses a residence hall, a school building, classrooms, a library space, administration spaces, artist studios, outdoor space for hands on training, and a guest cottage that can house up to five artists and residents at once. We are in the process of purchasing this campus from the Salvation Army who has used these buildings to help serve women and children for over 100 years. Steve would like to thank the Salvation Army for selling the campus to the Garden, as well as the Board who supported the overall vision.

Robert expressed thanks to members for participating and continuing to support the organization and urges them to stay involved to help the Garden continue to thrive.

Adjourn

Janelle Jimerson, Secretary

Date