

## **Prevailing Wage Rate (PWR) Private-Public Task Force Membership**

### **Jessica Harris Adamson:**

Jessica Harris Adamson is the Legislative Affairs Manager for the Oregon-Columbia Chapter of the Associated General Contractors. As Legislative Affairs Manager, Harris Adamson is responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations of the association's legislative agenda that includes public contracting, workers' compensation, infrastructure investment, transportation, land use, and other construction-related issues. AGC is a commercial construction trade association representing nearly 1100 members in Oregon and Southwest Washington.

Harris Adamson entered Oregon politics in 1997, working as a Legislative Assistant to then Senator Jeannette Hamby (R-Hillsboro). In 1998, she managed the Senator's re-election campaign effort. During the 1999 Legislative Session she worked for former Speaker Lynn Lundquist (R-Powell Butte), and joined AGC shortly after the session concluded. Harris Adamson received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Pacific University in Political Science in 1999.

Jessica is the President of the Oregon Highway Users Alliance and a member of the Oregon Prevailing Wage Advisory Committee

### **Co-Chair Bob Shiprack:**

Bob Shiprack is the Executive Secretary of the Oregon State Building and Construction Trades Council, representing union construction workers stateside. He is a member of IBEW Electrical Workers, Local #48 in Portland.

Shiprack is a former six-term member of the Oregon House of Representatives and is well versed in wage and hour laws, prevailing wage application, and public contracting. Shiprack continues to be actively involved as a member of the Public Contracting Coalition, The Bureau of Labor and Industries' Prevailing Wage Advisory Committee and various legislative work groups dealing with construction issues.

### **Hillsboro Mayor Tom Hughes:**

Tom Hughes has served as the Mayor of Hillsboro, Oregon since 2000.

After high school he went to college at the University of Oregon. He received his BS in History in 1965. He then attended the University of Arizona and received an MA in History in 1967. In 1970 the Mayor received his secondary teaching certificate from Portland State University. After two years of substitute teaching he was hired as a Social Studies teacher in the Beaverton School District. He taught at Aloha High School for almost 30 years.

In 1976 Mayor Hughes was a successful candidate for the Hillsboro City Council. He served on the Council from 1977 - 1980 when he left to accept a position as Senior Staff Associate for the League of Oregon Cities. Returning to Hillsboro in 1982 Mr. Hughes was a candidate for the State Legislature from House District #5. After losing the primary election he retired from public life until 1984 when he was appointed to the Planning and Zoning Hearings Board. In 1985, he was appointed to the Hillsboro Planning Commission. He served on that body until he began his term as Mayor in 2001 and re-elected in the 2004 election.

Mayor Hughes was reelected to a second four year term in November, 2004. He was also appointed to the League of Oregon Cities Board of Directors and serves as Chair of the Transportation Committee. He also serves on the National League of Cities Finance, Administration, Insurance and Revenue Committee.

**Peter Savage:**

Peter Savage is the regional manager for the Pacific Northwest Regional Council of Carpenters representing Oregon and Southwest Washington. He held the position of financial secretary and business manager for Carpenters Local Union 247 for six years.

Savage, a journeyman carpenter, has acted as superintendent on many of the multi-million dollar construction projects around the Portland area. Among the companies he has worked for include DPR Construction and Robinson Construction. Major projects include Intel IES Facility, Regal Sherwood 10 Cinema, Regal Movies on TV 16, and the Sunset Center Building.

Savage is a fourth generation Oregonian. He and his wife have three children and live in Tigard.

**Kenneth Carr:**

Kenny Carr is the president and chairman of Carr Construction, Inc., a steel erection firm operating in the Portland region since 1986. Carr is a former professional basketball player and played for the Portland Trailblazers from 1982-87. He was also a member of the 1976 gold medal U.S. Olympic basketball team. Carr graduated from North Carolina State University in 1980.

Carr has been a member of the Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee, Local 29 since 1997 and serves on the board of directors for Self Enhancement, Inc. In the past he has served the following organizations: Economic Development Commissioner for State of Oregon; St. Andrews Legal Clinic; OMS1 Capital Campaign Committee; Citizens Crime Commission and the Pacific Crest Outward Bound Advisory Board.

**Bill Van Vliet:**

Bill Van Vliet is Executive Director of NOAH (Network for Oregon Affordable Housing), a non-profit multi-bank consortium that provides permanent financing for affordable rental housing throughout Oregon. Before joining NOAH, Bill served as a Finance Coordinator in the Housing Department of the Portland Development Commission and was Vice President and community development lending officer for First Interstate Bank of Oregon.

He is Board President of REACH CDC, and is a member and past Co-Chair of the Housing and Community Development Commission, having also served on several subcommittees of HCDC. He is currently a member of the Community Development Law Center's Advisory Committee. Bill earned a B.S. degree in Business Administration from Oregon State University in 1985.

**Donald Clark:**

Donald A. Clark is the Executive Director of the Housing Authority of Yamhill County, Oregon. Before joining the Authority in 2001, he was the Director of Finance and Information Technology for the Vancouver Housing Authority, which serves Clark County, Washington. Clark has over 20 years of experience in affordable housing at the management level. His work has involved the development of housing using multiple funding sources and structures such as bonds, grants, tax credits and nonprofit corporation partnerships. Clark holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting and Management from the University of Colorado and a Master of Science degree in Systems Analysis from the Air Force Institute of Technology. He is certified by the State of Washington as a Certified Public Accountant (inactive). Clark is a participating member and officer of the Association of Oregon Housing Authorities and a member of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials.

**Mark Edlen:**

Mark C. Edlen, founding member of Gerding/Edlen Development, is widely recognized for his expertise and success in the commercial real estate industry. Before forming Gerding/Edlen he was a broker for a leading real estate firm. At Gerding/Edlen he directs all phases of the company's projects, from pre-construction due diligence and feasibility analysis to overall management of the development process. Gerding/Edlen has successfully completed nearly \$1 billion of development since its inception and has acquired a reputation for its ability to conceive and execute complex mixed-use projects. Mr. Edlen holds an MBA in finance and administration.

**Samuel Brooks:**

Samuel Brooks is the President, Chair of Board and Founder of the Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs, OAME Center. Mr. Brooks is also the CEO and COB for S. Brooks and Associates, Incorporated. Formed in 1987, the OAME Center is a not-for-profit organization formed to promote entrepreneurship and economic development for

ethnic minorities in the State of Oregon: through a partnership of minority entrepreneurs; educational, governmental, and corporate and community organizations.

With an undergraduate degree in Business Administration and graduate work in Urban Planning, Mr. Brooks is chair of the Oregon Workforce Investment Board and the past Chair of Portland's Metropolitan Exposition and Recreation Commission. He is currently a member of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, Portland Business Alliance Board of Directors, Co-Chair of Pacific Incubator Network based in San Jose, California. Mr. Brooks is also a former member of the Oregon Council for Economic Development, and former Chair of the National Small Business Development Center Advisory Board.

**John Jackley:**

John Jackley is the Oregon Department of Transportation Director's Office/Highway Division Executive Officer is the agency lead for workforce development issues. He supervises statewide mobility operations and the local government federal aid project section, and is the Highway Division's legislative liaison. He previously worked as ODOT Public Affairs Manager and senior legislative assistant in the Oregon Senate Minority Caucus Office. Prior to Oregon state service, he worked in the U.S. House of Representatives, the U.S. State Department and the private sector.

**John Epstein:**

John Epstein is the Manager and Senior Vice President of the Real Estate Community Lending Division for Wells Fargo Bank . His responsibilities include managing the Bank's affordable housing lending efforts throughout the western states from offices located in Los Angeles, Portland, San Francisco, and Seattle. He joined the bank in 1988, and prior to becoming the manager of the Community Lending Division, he held positions as manager of the Bank's Community Lending office in Portland, and as the real estate credit administrator for the northwest region. Prior to these positions, he was in the Bank's Special Asset Real Estate Group in Los Angeles, Houston, and Portland.

He earned his bachelor's degree in International Affairs from the University of Colorado and an MBA from the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania. Mr. Epstein serves on the boards for the Network for Oregon Affordable Housing (NOAH), Urban League of Portland, Oregon Housing Council, and Portland State University Business Outreach Program. He has also served as a board member for Washington Community Reinvestment Association (WCRA), CASA of Oregon, State of Oregon Community Development Incentive Fund, and the Portland Mittleman Jewish Community Center.

**Greg Specht:**

In 1990, Greg Specht formed Specht Properties and Specht Development. At that time, Specht became the general partner of three industrial and office projects developed in partnership with the National Electrical Benefit Fund, based in Washington D.C. As a commercial developer, he has been responsible for the creation of approximately 3

million square feet of commercial and industrial real estate in Oregon and Washington, with a cost basis in excess of \$218,000,000

Specht is a long time member of the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties (NAIOP), where he served as President of the Oregon Chapter in 1993. He was elected to the National Board of Directors for a three year term beginning in 1996, and was re-elected for a second term in 1999. He served on the Executive Committee of the National Board in 1997 and was National Chair of the NAIOP Forums in 1998. He has also served on the Board of Directors of the Home Builders Association of Portland (1994), the Board of Innovative Housing, Inc., a non-profit affordable housing provider in Portland (1988-1997), the Hearing and Speech Institute (1996-2001), and the Multnomah Athletic Club.

### **Robert Walsh:**

A long-time resident of Portland, Bob Walsh founded Walsh Construction Co. along with his brother, Tom, in 1966 as a great way for these two young brothers to finance their college educations. Today Walsh is President and CEO of Walsh Construction Co. with responsibility for planning, marketing, and overseeing all new construction, building conversions, rehabilitation and affordable housing.

With offices in Washington, Oregon and California, Walsh Construction Co. is well known for quality construction, setting industry standards for value-driven service and pioneering sustainable building practices. Walsh has also served on a variety of boards and commissions as a way to help guide the growth of the City of Portland while maintaining its charm and livability. As the Commissioner for the Port of Portland from 1988 to 2001, he directed the initial stages of the airport expansion and helped attract new industry to broaden the economic diversity of the region.

### **Bob Repine:**

Bob Repine was appointed Director of OHCS by former Governor John Kitzhaber in January of 1998 after serving ten years in the Oregon Legislature. Newly elected Governor Theodore R. Kulongoski reappointed him Director in December 2002.

Repine has been a leader in promoting innovative solutions to challenging issues facing our state. He has spearheaded initiatives to support food banks, provide new farmworker housing and assist those at risk of becoming homeless. He has forged new and strengthened existing partnerships with community partners ranging from private sector developers to housing authorities and from landlords to low-income advocates. He has emphasized the growing need to find solutions to expiring HUD contract projects and implemented a down payment assistance program for first time homebuyers.

Repine was raised in Long Beach, CA, and graduated from college with a degree in Industrial Technology/Manufacturing before moving to Grants Pass, Oregon where he

started and ran his own contracting business for twenty-five years, focusing on both single family and small commercial.

**Tim Gauthier:**

Tim Gauthier has served as Executive Manager of the Oregon-Columbia Chapter of the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) since 1982. Being previously employed in 1981 as assistant manager of the Chapter, Gauthier started his career with NECA in 1975 in Washington D.C at the National Headquarters. He was transferred to Chicago later that same year and in 1976 to Kansas City.

He is responsible for negotiating and achieving labor relations support for six separate labor agreements with IBEW Local 48 and two agreements with IBEW Local 970. He co-chairs the Edison Pension Trust for Local 48 and the Cornell Pension Trust for Local 970. Gauthier co-chairs the Harrison Electrical Workers Trust Fund and the NECA / IBEW Joint Apprenticeship Training Trust. He is instrumental in government affairs and in 1990, he was appointed by the Governor of Oregon to serve on the Premium Equity Task Force for Workers' Compensation.

In addition to his Chapter administrative responsibilities, Gauthier has been especially active and effective in the areas of education, government affairs, charitable fund raising, and industry marketing. He has provided leadership and crafted innovative solutions that have been adopted as national models for success. Gauthier is a member of the Oregon Society of Association Executives and the American Society of Association Executives.