



CTAA Board of Directors

Elaine Wells

CTAA Board President

National Board Member

Retired, Portland, OR

Joined: 2012

Presidential Terms Ends: October 2020

Term Ends: 2021

Elaine recently retired and has served in the volunteer transportation/community transportation field for over 38 years, first as a full-time volunteer coordinating other volunteers in a variety of community programs. From there she became the volunteer coordinator and case manager for a senior services program where she started her first volunteer transportation program. As her county's RSVP Director, she wrote a proposal for funding to create a volunteer transportation program for RSVP. She then moved to what is now Ride Connection as the Risk Manager creating a training and safety program for the network. She soon went on to become the Executive Director where she remained for 23 years. Elaine has also served on the Washington Public Transportation Planning Commission as well as the Oregon Transit Association.

Barbara Cline

CTAA Board Vice President

Upper Midwest Regional Board Member

Executive Director, [Prairie Hills Transit](#), Spearfish, SD

Joined: 2004

Term Ends: 2022

Barbara is a Certified Community Transportation Manager (CCTM), Certified Safety and Security Officer (CSSO), and a Master Trainer for Passenger Assistance Safety and Security. Her system has completed the Community Transportation Safety and Security Accreditation (CTSSA). For 27 years, Barbara has tenaciously represented rural transit systems nationwide, including at Senate field hearings, and twice before the United States Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. She was the President of the Dakota Transit Association and Chair of the National RTAP Board.

Robert Koska

CTAA Board Treasurer
Northeast Regional Board Member
Retired, NJ Transit, Piscataway, NJ
Joined: 2003
Term Ends: 2021

Robert Koska is the retired Director of Local Programs and Minibus Support within NJ TRANSIT's Capital Planning and Programs. He started with NJ TRANSIT in 1981 and held several positions within Local Programs before being promoted to Director in 1995. Before joining NJ TRANSIT, he worked for both the Hudson and Morris County Planning Boards in New Jersey. His responsibilities at NJ TRANSIT included the administration and oversight of various federal and state funding supporting community transit services throughout the state which provided transportation to senior citizens, persons with disabilities, low income and rural residents as well as the general public in the State of New Jersey. The New Jersey Council on Special Transportation recognized Mr. Koska in 1994 for his contributions in the field of community transportation. Bob was the second recipient of the organizations' Reilly award. In 2012, his efforts were recognized by the Newark Business Partnership for his work at NJ TRANSIT. Since 2003, he has been the elected Northeast Regional Representative to the CTAA Board of Directors.

Dan Wedge

CTAA Board Secretary
Great Lakes Regional Board Member
Executive Director, Allegan County Transportation Services, Allegan, MI
Joined: 2017
Term Ends: 2022

Dan Wedge is the Executive Director of Service for Allegan County. Dan's career in public transit began as Transportation Director in 1999 and had the good fortune to develop the startup of rural transportation for Allegan County, Michigan. The program had three vehicles to start the Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) demonstration grant, from there the program has grown to a fleet of 28 vehicles and 3.5 million dollar transit facility, the county has accomplished all of this with very limited local funds. In the management of County services, Dan works to develop solutions and strategies for continuous improvement of County operations including evaluating/assessing priorities based on organizational needs. He stays informed of new trends and innovations while looking to motivate, train, and develop a diverse workforce and provide an environment conducive to achievement and growth.

Regional Board Members

Julie Brown

Northwest Regional Board Member
General Manager, Rogue Valley Transportation District (RVTD), Medford, OR
Joined: 2018
Term Ends: 2021

Julie has worked at the Rogue Valley Transportation District of 22 year where her career

began with two years as a Transportation Demand Management Planner, four years as the Alternative Transportation Manager (ADA), seven years as the NEMT Brokerage Manager and more than 11 years of service as the RVTD General Manager. Julie created a NEMT Brokerage with funding from the Department of Human Services and Oregon Department of Transportation. This became the model for the Statewide NEMT Brokerage. In 2016, helped pass a Property Tax Levy to fund additional transit in her community and in 2017 helped pass HB2017 transit funding for the State of Oregon. This was a joint venture with the Oregon Transit Association and the Oregon Department of Transportation.

Michael Whitten

Executive Director, Manchester Transit Authority, Manchester, NH

New England Regional Board Member

Joined: 2020

Term Ends: 2023

Whitten is responsible for the development, implementation, and review of all aspects of operations including budget development, grant management, and service design. Whitten has 20 years of transit experience and has made the reduction of MTA's carbon footprint a main priority since coming to the organization in 2007. Whitten is the President of the Northeast Passenger Transportation Association (NEPTA) and is the Chairman of the New Hampshire Transit Association's Legislative Committee.

Robert Hiett

Southeast Regional Board Member

Executive Director, Upper Coastal Plain Council of Governments (UCPCOG), Wilson, NC

Joined: 2019

Term Ends: 2022

As the UCPCOG Executive Director, Robert oversees the administering of aging services, economic development, community planning, and workforce development programs in five counties. Robert is the Vice-Chairman for the Rural Planning Organizations of America and he serves as a member of the legislative committee for the North Carolina Public Transit Association (NCPTA). Previously, he served six years as a CTAA State Delegate, and sixteen years as a rural board member for the Georgia Transit Association (GTA). He also served six years as the President of the Georgia Transit Association, over a decade as the chairman and/or co-chairman of its legislative committee, and he is a member of the Georgia Transit Hall of Fame.

Kristen Joyner

Southwest Regional Board Member

Self-Employed

Joined: 2017

Term Ends: 2023

Kristen served for ten years as the Executive Director of SWTA, which represents an eight-state region (AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, NM, OK, TX) and serves an advocate for transit issues and oversees the leadership training and certification for transportation professionals in her region. From 2012 – 2016, she was a member of the White House

Task Force for Transit Leaders. Recently, she spearheaded Operation Veterans in Public Transportation, a project that SWTA developed to acknowledge and support veterans in transportation.

Jacklyn Montgomery

West Regional Board Member

Executive Director, California Association for Coordinated Transportation (CalACT), Sacramento, CA

Joined:2019

Term Ends:2022

Jacklyn is the Executive Director of the California Association for Coordinated Transportation (CalACT) in Sacramento, California and has more than 25 years of experience managing transportation programs. She manages the California RTAP Program for Caltrans and statewide Association activities to support transit agencies in California. Prior to joining CalACT, Jacklyn managed the Employment Training and Transportation programs for Pierce County, Washington. She created one of the first Transportation Coordinating Councils and coordination plans in Washington State and worked on the California Mobility Action Plan to coordinate transportation services in California.

Bruce Simms

Mid-Atlantic Regional Board Member

CEO, Virginia Regional Transit, Purcellville, VA

Joined:2019

Term Ends: 2022

Bruce has been employed by Virginia Regional Transit for 10 years and rose to the level of CEO in March 2016. Virginia Regional Transit operates as a 501(c)(3) transit agency that provides access to mobility for citizens throughout the Commonwealth with operations in five separate regions. At VRT, he manages both government-funded services as well as contract-based funding streams. He oversees all aspects of the operations from Human Capital Management to Operations. He also serves as President of Virginia Rides, an affiliated company that provides charter services to industries such as private schools, universities, as well as special event transportation. He also functions as President of the VRT Board of Directors reporting to the Chairman. Bruce has more than 25 years' experience in the transportation industry, including a stint at Delta Airlines as a Manager in the Washington, DC area with a responsibility of more than 400 employees and \$20+ million budget.

Randy Zobrist

Midwest Regional Board Member

Executive Director/ CEO, River Bend Transit, Davenport, IA

Joined: 2017

Term Ends: 2023

Randy has served for 20 years as the Executive Director/CEO of River Bend Transit (RBT). He has stayed active on the Iowa Public Transit Association Board of Directors serving at various times as the Legislative Chair, Treasurer and Rural Representative. Under his leadership, RBT has received the FTA Administrator's award along with numerous Iowa DOT and FTA Regional awards. Randy has generated numerous

initiatives and public-private funding resources directed at expanding public transit services to fill transportation gaps for people who have limited transportation options to get to work, access school/training opportunities, overcome mobility challenges, and to improve the general well-being of his communities residents. Randy is a Certified Safety and Security Officer (CSSO).

National Board Members

Ann August

National Board Member

CEO, ADA Transit Consulting, LLC, Sumter, S.C.

Joined: 2020

Term Ends: 2023

August currently serves as the CEO of ADA Transit Consulting, LLC which specializes in public transit compliance, policy reviews and training. In 2017 Ann was appointed to serve as the Interim Executive Director/CEO for one year at the COMET Transit Authority in South Carolina's Capital City, Columbia, SC, which is heavily funded by the Richland County's Transportation Penny Tax. She was the first African American to serve in that position. Ann as she is known by most was responsible for providing public transit services within the Central Midlands area with a \$35M combined operating and capital budgets. Previously, she served as the Interim Executive Director/CEO for at the COMET Transit Authority (S.C.), CEO of the Birmingham Jefferson County Transportation Authority (Ala.), CEO of the Santee Wateree Regional Transportation Authority (S.C.) and spent 15 years at the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (Penn.)

Charles Carr

National Board Member

Public Transit Director, Mississippi Dept. of Transportation, Jackson, MS

Joined: 1994

Term Ends: 2021

Charged with executive level responsibilities for the Aeronautics, Ports; Waterways and Public Transit divisions, Charles credits a remarkable staff and solid relationships with modal stakeholders with helping to raise the visibility and impact of multimodal transportation in Mississippi. Major areas of responsibility include implementing a strategic planning approach for assessing needs, analyzing economic impacts and developing informed investment decisions. As a member of MDOT's executive leadership team, he also provides policy input to the Transportation Commission and serves as a liaison with local, state and federal entities. In addition to twenty- five years of transportation experience, his employment history includes health planning, disaster recovery and housing assistance. His international experience includes participating in the Eno Foundation's International Study Mission to France, England and Ireland to review safety and security issues; presentations on mobility for persons with disabilities at the World Social Forum in Senegal and researching transportation access options in Zambia. He holds a Master's Degree from Jackson State University and is a graduate of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials' (AASHTO's) National Transportation Management Program and the National

Transportation Leadership Institute. Professional affiliations include: Member and Past President-CTAA's Board of Directors; Member-AASHTO's, Standing Committee on Public Transportation; Former Chairman- Jackson State University's, Technology Transfer Center Advisory Board and Institute for Multimodal Transportation Industry Advisory Committee; and Past President- National Transportation Consortium of States.

Richard Doyle

National Board Member

Consultant, Lexington, MA

Joined: 2011

Term Ends: 2021

From 1981 to 2010, Richard Doyle was the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Regional Administrator in Region 1 (the six New England states). In that capacity, he administered the Federal Transit grant programs and provided advice and technical assistance to state and local officials on a wide variety of transit funding and project issues. At FTA, Mr. Doyle was a member of the Senior Executive Service (SES) and received the President's Meritorious Executive Award. Following his retirement from FTA, Mr. Doyle has served as a Senior Advisor to the Transportation Planning and Resource Group (TPRG), advising state and local officials on Federal transit grant program programs, funding strategies and project management issues.

Ann Gilbert

National Board Member

Executive Director, Arkansas Transit Association, N. Little Rock, AR

Joined: 1996

Term Ends: 2023

Ann Gilbert is an attorney and the Executive Director of the Arkansas Transit Association. At ATA, she leads a membership of over 250 organizations, including public transit systems, agencies that serve the elderly and people with disabilities, and vendors. ATA provides technical assistance and administers safety programs for passenger carriers. Ann is the first state Association Director to serve as President of CTAA's Board of Directors. She is also a member of the South West Transit Association, the Arkansas Bar Association, the Arkansas Society of Professional Lobbyists and the Arkansas Society of Association Executives. She has a political science degree from George Washington University and a law degree from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

Jo Ann Hutchinson

National Board Member

Retired, Tallahassee, FL

Joined: 1995

Term Ends: 2022

Jo Ann Hutchinson is a National Board Member for CTAA and brings her experience at the State level to serve on the Board. She worked for 10 years as a United We Ride Ambassador and was Executive Director of the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged from 1989-2003. She has also worked as an

independent consultant consulting about coordination and community transportation.

Bill McDonald

Immediate Past President

National Board Member

United Way of Greater Rochester, Rochester, NY

Joined: 1994-2003, 2012

Term Ends: 2023

Bill recently retired after over 34 years as the leader of a community based organization that provides accessible community transportation services for older adults and people with disabilities in Monroe County, NY. Currently he is working as a Program Officer at the United Way of Greater Rochester responsible for building organizational capacity of not for profit agencies serving older adults with transportation and other home support services. He is staffing the policy committee of the Rochester-Monroe County Anti-Poverty initiative and is the Chair of the Transportation Committee for the Finger Lakes Performing Provider System (a project funded by CMS and the New York State Department of Health to build a value-based Medicaid health care delivery system). Bill is a volunteer driver for the Association for the Blind and a volunteer serving on the Board of Directors of the Community Transportation Association of America.

Kendra McGeady

National Board Member

Director of Transportation, Pelivan Transit and the Northeast Oklahoma Tribal Transit Consortium, Big Cabin, OK

Joined: 2020

Term Ends: 2023

As the Grand Gateway EDA's Director of Transit, Kendra McGeady leads a talented transit team in providing safe, efficient, affordable and caring transit services, forming partnerships to build an effective transit system in northeast Oklahoma, while supporting the transit industry statewide and nationally in determining avenues of sustainability for all transit agencies. Kendra is an innovative thinker with an established understanding of rural and tribal transit systems foundations, as well as a visionary for the evolution into mobility.

David L. White

National Board Member

President & Founder, [Coordinated Transportation Solutions](#), Ansonia, CT

Joined: 2000

Term Ends: 2023

David worked extensively with Federal, Rural, Small Urban, Urban and Paratransit prior to founding Coordinated Transportation Solutions (CTS). He was the Transit Administrator for the City of Milford, CT where he was the recipient of Milford Independent Disabled Person's Committee Outstanding Government Official of the Year Award. David was the Director of Operations (Bus and Paratransit) for HART in Danbury, CT and the Deputy Administrator of the Norwalk Transit District in Norwalk, CT. He was the Executive Director of People to Places, a paratransit non-profit in Bridgeport, CT and is a Member of the Board of Directors of the Greater Bridgeport

Transit District.