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**Kristina Johnson**



**Rene Fresquez**

Bend-based Architecture firm **Blasie Cacciola Architects** (BCA) announces the addition of multiple design and architect positions to its studio during the course of 2021. These additions bring additional depth and strength to BCA's highly collaborative and technically focused Architectural Services.

Joining BCA in September of 2021 as a project architect, **Kristina Johnson** brings an accredited B.Arch and over ten years of broad Design experience ranging from mixed-use, hospitality and public works, to masterplanning and luxury commercial projects. A tenacious and process driven designer, Johnson has a keen interest in a creating design solutions through the synthesis of project constraints and drivers. She excels at solving challenges using a personal perspective and through the critical lens of user experience.

Fresh from working for one of the architecture industry's largest offsite construction technology and Mass-timber (CLT) startups, **Rene Fresquez** joined BCA in March of 2021. He is an experienced manager, technologist, mixed reality expert and architect. Fresquez has a passion for guiding teams, distilling design outcomes to their simplest parts and championing technology that improves the way

we live, work and experience the built environment. He brings to BCA over 15 years of architectural experience with multi-family, library and higher education design, as well as a focus on solving technically challenging and functionally diverse project types.

After relocating from Silicon Valley to Bend in October of 2020, **Ryan Sur** joined BCA as a project designer. With an interior design degree from UC-Davis and an M.Arch from Syracuse University, Sur believes architecture and design are about building and maintaining relationships as much as they are about creating innovative projects. Drawing from many projects with established Future 100 companies as well as small start-ups, Sur bring years of experience, knowledge and a scaled approach to the design work he manages. With 20 years of architectural experience, Sur continues to listen and deliver the best solutions for each project he touches.

**ColeBreit Engineering** welcomes **Bruce Jessup** to their team. Jessup joins ColeBreit Engineering as a senior electrical designer in the Bend office. He brings best practices in electrical construction, from his 15 years as a project manager and estimator for electrical contractors in both Bend and Seattle. Jessup was also a senior electrical designer, for a full services MEP firm in Seattle, for multiple years prior to relocating to Bend nearly six years ago.

Jessup is currently working on Pacific Power's new Juniper Ridge Headquarters facility in Bend, Home Forward's historic Fairfield Apartments remodel in Portland, the South Hill Commons multi-family project in Pendleton and numerous tenant improvement projects throughout Oregon.



**Bruce Jessup**

The **Worthy Garden Club** (WGC) announces that Dr. **Rick Martinson** has accepted the position as executive director and will be moving into the leadership role on January 17. Martinson's extensive background in horticulture, ecology and business management will expand the current conservation and educational efforts of the Garden Club and develop new directions for the nonprofit.

Worthy Garden Club has been working on several initiatives for the past few years, including the garden, organic farm and observatory at Worthy Brewing. A separate campaign, Operation Applesseed, which began in 2019, will by this year's end have planted more than one million native trees in Oregon, targeting burn zones.

The Garden Club will pursue two new initiatives. First, it will target for restoration high-profile natural treasures that have been damaged by fires, urbanization, drought and desertification. Second, it will fund scientific research that addresses the impact of deforestation and poor forest management on public and private lands. The research will help support advocacy for policy, legislative and legal reforms. WGC will continue these campaigns while also digging deeper into new stewardship projects that address the climate change emergency as manifest in our own backyard.

Martinson's expertise in ecology and his broad experience working in environmental analysis and management over 40 years will be a boon to these efforts. The WGC is excited to increase its influence and impact in education, environmental management and conservation efforts under his leadership.

**Azure Tax and Accounting LLC** welcomes **Linda Saliu**, CPA as a partner and tax manager. Saliu was with the firm at its inception in 2017, and brings valued expertise in tax and accounting.



**Linda Saliu**



**Rutila Galvan-Rodriguez**

**Better Together Central Oregon's** board of directors announced that **Rutila Galvan-Rodriguez** has accepted the position of executive director. Galvan-Rodriguez has been serving as interim executive director since August of 2021. Prior to taking on interim leadership for the organization, she held the position of director of family and youth partnerships. In her new role, she will be responsible for overseeing work that aligns stakeholders across sectors and across communities, working with the Better Together Board of Directors, local school districts, local Education Service Districts, higher education, local business, community-based organizations, regional government and community members in Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson Counties and the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

According to Sonya Littledeer-Evans, vice chair of the Better Together board, Galvan-Rodriguez has been supporting Better Together's vision for several years. Initially, as a partner through the Juntos program, later as a member of Better Together's StriveTogether leadership team, then as the organization's director of family engagement and most recently as interim executive director.

Bruce Abernethy, chair of the Better Together, describes Galvan-Rodriguez as a servant leader who knows how to elevate and bring out the best in those around her.

Two existing members of **Volunteers in Medicine's** (VIM) Board of Directors are moving into leadership roles. **Erika McCalpine** will be the new board chair and **Tyler Fix**, DMD, MA will be the new vice-chair. Both have been amazing members of the board and their experience and expertise will be invaluable in their new roles.

McCalpine is the executive director of Strategic Diversity Initiatives at OSU-Cascades, and the director of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Laboratory. She is also a business instructor, where she teaches courses in human resources, business ethics, leadership and entrepreneurship.

McCalpine is a recognized advocate for advancing social equity and inclusion within OSU and weaves those themes throughout her teaching and in her work with students. In 2019 she received the OSU Frances Dancy Hooks Award for building bridges across cultures and showing courage in promoting diversity. She received the OSU-Cascades Diversity Award in 2019.

McCalpine is involved with shared governance serving as a faculty senate senator (2019), executive committee member (2020) and president-elect (2021). She is the first person from OSU-Cascades to be elected to lead the faculty senate. McCalpine will assume the presidency in 2022.

McCalpine's community service includes positions on the boards of directors of Volunteers in Medicine since 2019 and of the City Club of Central Oregon since 2020. She is the co-founder of Love Your Neighbor, a grassroots effort that encourages community members to appreciate and accept fellow residents from diverse backgrounds. She was named the Source Weekly Woman of the Year in 2019.

Prior to joining OSU-Cascades, McCalpine taught at the University of Alabama, where she was awarded the Morrisette Award for Excellence in Teaching Leadership and Ethics, and the J. Craig Smith Integrity Award. McCalpine also attended the University of Alabama where she earned degrees in Management and has specialties in Human Resources and Organizational Behavior. She has also earned a certification in Diversity and Inclusion from Cornell University.

McCalpine is a member of the Society of Human Resource Management and the National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity.

As a dental partner in Bend with VIM since 2017, Fix joined VIM's Board of Directors in October 2020. He works as a private practice dentist four days a week with PureCare Dental of Bend. When caring for VIM patients, he aims to humanize and personalize their dental experiences with an open ear, an open mind and an open heart. He is an advocate for expanding VIM's dental healthcare presence in the community. In his free time, he enjoys playing tennis, skiing, hiking and volunteering.



**Erika McCalpine**



**Tyler Fix**



**Susan Cunningham**

**Environmental Science Associates** (ESA) announces that **Susan Cunningham** will now oversee the entire Northwest region as Biological Resources and Land Management Business Group Director. In her new role, Cunningham will be managing a team of 23 employee-owners across ESA's Seattle, Portland and Bend offices. With a career spanning 31 years, Cunningham's natural resource, land use and regulatory compliance expertise has spanned multiple market sectors including water, aviation, energy, transportation and natural resource management.

Serving as ESA's Business Group Director in Oregon for the past six years, she has managed multidisciplinary teams to deliver complex infrastructure projects in the built and natural environments. Cunningham is skilled in preparing National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents, Biological Assessments, Permit Application Packages and all types of Natural Resource Assessments.

Cunningham's leadership has particularly focused on steering the complex land use and transportation infrastructure permitting challenges in Oregon and other jurisdictions. For example, as part of an 18- year contract with the City of Portland Bureau of Environmental Services, Cunningham secured permitting and approval to stabilize two main sewer lines crossing the Willamette River while navigating an EPA Superfund site and Endangered Species Act regulations for listed salmon protection. And in Southeast Alaska, she led agency negotiations for the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT-PF) and Federal Aviation Administration



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(FAA) to gain approval of a new airport to service Admiralty Island. The project required an Individual Permit to allow fill of 300 acres of wetlands.

In her new leadership role for the Pacific Northwest Region, Cunningham will integrate the team of fisheries and wildlife biologists, wetland scientists, conservation planners and water quality specialists throughout Oregon and Washington. She will support the team's ongoing work in transportation and airports, conservation planning and restoration design largely focused on salmon recovery, and pursue more opportunities in the energy and water markets.

Cunningham has been recognized outside of ESA for her contributions to her field, including being named the Consultant of the Year in 2020 by the Oregon Airport Management Association for her work preparing an Environmental Assessment that encompassed several Capital Improvement Plan projects at the Rogue Valley-Medford International Airport. She is also an active member of the Women Transportation Seminar. Cunningham earned her bachelor of science in Biology from the University of Oregon.



**Gary Crockett**

**SELCO Community Credit Union** has promoted **Gary Crockett** to commercial loan officer for its Commercial & Business Banking division. Operating out of SELCO's Old Mill branch, Crockett will manage a commercial loan portfolio and produce new commercial loans in the Central Oregon market.

Crockett has more than ten years of experience in commercial banking. Before joining SELCO in 2016, he worked at U.S. Bank in Bend — with the final five years as a credit analyst in commercial banking. Most recently, Crockett was a senior credit analyst for Commercial & Business Banking at SELCO.

Crockett earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Fresno State University. In addition to his duties at SELCO, he regularly volunteers for Habitat for Humanity in Central Oregon. In his free time, Crockett enjoys

exploring the Cascade Mountains.

**The Center Orthopedic & Neurosurgical Care & Research** announced the addition of **Joy Perkey**, MD to their Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation team. Fellowship trained in Brain Injury Medicine, Perkey specializes in neuro-rehabilitation. This encompasses diagnoses that involve the spinal cord and the brain and can include strokes, brain injury, spinal cord injuries and multiple sclerosis. As the medical director of the inpatient rehabilitation unit at St. Charles Medical Center in Bend, she sees while they are in the inpatient rehab center, as well as follow up visits at The Center to provide continuity of care after they leave the hospital.

Perkey joined The Center because it has the most comprehensive program for orthopedic, neurosurgical and physiatry care in the community, and is embedded in the St. Charles inpatient rehab system. This allows her to provide continuity of care, seeing patients both in the inpatient and outpatient settings, to help them achieve their goals.



**Joy Perkey**

**Weston Technology Solutions** announced the hiring of **Ron S. DiTullio** to account executive. He joined Weston on December 1, 2021.

DiTullio comes to Weston with over eight years in IT sales and an extensive history and in-depth market knowledge of Central Oregon, having lived in Bend for over 30 years. Prior to joining Weston, DiTullio's sales and leadership experience includes working with local businesses providing Internet, phone and IT solutions.

DiTullio's primary role will be to develop a sales strategy by defining the ideal business targets within each of Weston's service areas, identifying key sales objectives around revenue generation, review and deploy marketing opportunities and implement the strategy for Weston's primary products included

in the "CompleteCare" managed solution offering.

In his spare time, DiTullio enjoys spending time with his family, golfing, reading and many of the variety of activities that have kept him in Central Oregon for three decades.

John L Scott welcomes a new broker addition. **Marie Norkunas** is thrilled to be a new member of the John Scott Realtor team. She and her family moved to Bend in 1995 after coming here for a ski vacation and falling in love with all that Bend has to offer; the exciting recreational opportunities, stunning scenery and the vibrant and friendly Bend community.

Norkunas was born in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, to French parents. She has lived in Brazil, France and Canada as well as Massachusetts, Texas and Hawaii. For many years she worked with gemstones and fine jewelry. Norkunas has always taken pride in helping other's find the perfect gem they are seeking, and now is embarking on her career with John Scott Realty.



**Marie Norkunas**

The board welcomed **Malinda Corley** of Bend as a board member who previously represented the Head Start Policy Council. Now representing the Head Start Policy Council is **Rebecca Watson** of Prineville.

New to the NeighborImpact Board is Judge **Annette Hillman**, Presiding Court Judge in Madras. Hillman has served the Jefferson County community since 2004 and was elected as Presiding Court Judge in 2012. Also new to the board is **Ronald Osmundson** of Redmond.

The remainder of the board includes **Jose Balcazar**, Bend; **Lyndle DeCamp**, Prineville; Hon. **Roger DeHoog**, Bend; Commissioner **Mae Huston**, Culver; Councilor **Patricia Jungmann**, Prineville; and Deschutes County Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer, **Greg Munn**, Bend.



**Brian Myers**

**State Farm** welcomes new agent **Brian Myers** to its family of Good Neighbor Agents in Oregon. The Myers agency in Redmond is now open for business.

Myers and team are dedicated to empowering customers with the knowledge to make educated decisions about insurance and financial services. They are excited to help anyone who would like a better understanding of their coverage and how it applies to them. The Myers State Farm Agency is staffed by the knowledgeable and helpful **Crystal Batti** and **Jule Shaffer** in addition to agent Myers.

Myers is an Oregon native, went to Oregon State and graduated from Southern Oregon University with a bachelor of science in business management. Myers is married with two children, and he and his family enjoy fishing, hunting, camping and four wheeling in their Jeep. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and has helped with Operation Christmas Child. Myers enjoys being involved in the community and plans to continue looking for opportunities to participate in different ways, including ways to become involved with Redmond High School and other local organizations.

The **Philippine American Chamber of Commerce of Oregon (PACCO)** announced the appointment of a new executive director. For the first time in the 25-year history of PACCO, the board unanimously voted to appoint **Ellen Bolus-Edmonds** as executive director, effective December 1, 2021.

Bolus-Edmonds was born, raised and schooled in the Philippines. She earned her master of business administration degree and graduated with the highest honors from the Ateneo Graduate School of Business and holds a bachelor of science degree from the University of the Philippines. Bolus-Edmonds past leadership roles include several appointments as chief operations officer and vice-president for marketing and sales for various publicly traded companies. She is expertly adept in administering and leading organizational matters involving people, processes and systems management. Bolus-Edmonds managed sales teams that generated a revenue of \$200M annually.



**Ellen Bolus-Edmonds**

The **Oregon State University** Board of Trustees named **Jackie Bangs** as its new board secretary.

Bangs, who has served as interim board secretary since October, has served as the university's public records officer since 2019 and has been with Oregon State since 2005, mostly working with international faculty, visiting scholars and university leadership.

In nominating Bangs, OSU Interim President Becky Johnson said Bangs seamlessly and effectively has served as interim board secretary and has been a "true asset" to the Board of Trustees and the university in her interim role.

The board secretary serves as the primary liaison between the Board of Trustees and the university's administration, and is responsible for working with the president, university cabinet members and trustees in promoting effective board governance and fostering collaboration between members of the university community and the board.

Bangs replaces Debbie Colbert, who stepped down as board secretary on October 31, 2021, to return to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife as a deputy agency director. Colbert had served as board secretary since 2015.

**Dr. Brian Primack**, a dean at the University of Arkansas with a 20-year career of advancing health and higher education initiatives, has been named dean of **Oregon State University's (OSU) College of Public Health and Human Sciences**. He will start June 30.

Primack will follow Javier Nieto, who has led the OSU college since 2016. Vicki Ebbeck, a professor in the college, will serve as interim dean until Primack's appointment begins.

Primack is currently dean of the University of Arkansas' College of Education and Health Professions, which has more than 5,400 undergraduate and graduate students and 500 faculty and staff members in areas such as public health, kinesiology, K-12 education, nursing, counseling, occupational therapy and athletic training. The college has a \$70 million annual budget and receives \$20 million annually in research awards.

Prior to his role at the University of Arkansas, Primack was dean of the Honors College and a professor at the University of Pittsburgh. He also served as assistant vice chancellor of Pitt Health Sciences and founding director of a multidisciplinary Center for Research on Media, Technology and Health.

Primack has more than 250 peer-reviewed publications in areas spanning public health, behavioral science, substance use, mental health and education. He has been principal investigator on federal research projects totaling more than \$10 million, including a current award from the National Cancer Institute related to



**Brian Primack**



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cancer communication.

He is the author of a book, *You Are What You Click: How Being Selective, Positive and Creative Can Transform Your Social Media Experience*, which was published in September, 2021.

Primack earned undergraduate degrees in English and mathematics from Yale University; a master's degree in human development from Harvard University; a medical degree from Emory Medical School; and a master's degree and a doctoral degree, both focused on public health and translational science, from the University of Pittsburgh.

**Lynch Murphy McLane LLP**  
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Patterson and Aston joined the firm in late 2021 and bring a depth of experience in complex estate and business succession planning, administration, real estate, business, energy and technology transactions. Jill Gibson was named partner earlier in 2021 after several years as "of counsel" with an impressive track record in winning cases and key settlements for her clients.

"I am extraordinarily pleased to have Jill as a partner, and for Jeff and Jennilyn to join us as the firm continues to grow," said Greg Lynch, one of the firm's founding partners. "Our mission is to advocate, protect and enforce the rights of businesses and individuals as they navigate the changing legal landscape and challenges that arise."

Murphy is the firm's managing partner. Murphy is a founding partner with the firm and focuses her practice on "dirt and death law:" estate planning, including individual and business succession planning, estate administration, trust administration and land use.

Another founding partner, McLane returns to Lynch Murphy McLane and his litigation and public affairs practice after serving two and a half years as a circuit court judge in Crook and Jefferson Counties. Prior to being a judge, McLane served as a State Representative for Central Oregon in the Oregon Legislature for nine years, six of which were as the House Minority Leader. With over 30 years of experience as an attorney, McLane has won many high-profile cases in state and federal court.

New partner Gibson represents clients in state and federal courts in matters involving business disputes, constitutional rights, elections, government law and nonprofit law. Working from both the Bend and Portland offices, she frequently advises organizations and businesses regarding election and campaign matters. Gibson has written numerous complex initiatives regarding labor laws, taxes and natural resources. She also has extensive experience in litigating an initiative's ballot title and constitutionality.

Patterson joins the firm in the Bend office as a partner and has practiced estate planning law in Oregon for over 17 years. Since receiving his LL.M. in taxation in 2010, he offers extensive expertise in advanced estate and gift tax planning, including various charitable giving strategies, advanced estate and gift tax structures, succession planning and is an advisor to several local nonprofit boards, including the KIDS Center and the Guardian Group.

Aston joins Lynch Murphy McLane's Bend office with expertise focused on business and real estate transactions, real estate development, business organizations and corporate governance, intellectual property and technology-related agreements and state and federal trademark work. She has a broad range of experience advising businesses, property owners and individuals from a number of different industries, including real estate investors and developers, renewable energy, manufacturing, medical and dental practices, technology and software and education.

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**COBA Announces 2021 Excellence Award Winners**

The Central Oregon Builders Association (COBA) announces the Prestigious Annual COBA Excellence Award winners, nominated, and voted on by fellow COBA members.

- Residential Builder of the Year** — Salvesen Homes
  - Commercial Builder of the Year** — CS Construction
  - Green Builder of the Year** — Bend/Redmond Habitat for Humanity
  - Remodeler of the Year** — Stilson Builders
  - Green Commercial Builder of the Year** — Kellcon, Inc.
  - Sub-Contractor of the Year** — Brian's Cabinets
  - President's Awards** — Charley Miller, Miller Lumber
  - Public Official of the Year** — Tony DeBone, Deschutes County Commissioner
  - Architect of the Year** — BLRB Architects
  - Home Designer of the Year** — Jason Todd Home Design, LLC
  - Material Supplier of the Year** — Empire Stone Company
  - Lifetime Achievement** — Todd Hakala, Brian's Cabinets
  - Associate of the Year** — Central Oregon Association of Realtors (COAR)
  - Realtor of the Year** — NAI Cascade
  - Developer of the Year** — Pahlisch Homes
  - New Member of the Year** — Pence Construction
  - Nonprofit Partner of the Year** — First Story
  - Volunteer of the Year** — Deborah Flagan, Hayden Homes
  - Committee Member of the Year** — Kathy Temple, Ed Staub & Sons
  - People's Choice Award** — Mark Huffman, Sage Builders
  - Gary Bunker Industry Loyalty Award** — Taylor Northwest
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