

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



ERIC THOMPSON

Chairman of the Board
Thompson Timber
Corvallis, Oregon
Board member since 2000

Eric earned his degree in Forest Management from Oregon State University. He is the current president of Thompson Timber located in Corvallis. Eric has been in the timber business since 1981 and replaced his father, Gene, on the Board in 2000.



DOUG BOYSEN

Samaritan Health Services
Corvallis, Oregon
Board member since 2021

Doug is the President & CEO of Samaritan Health Services in Corvallis. He is a native of Iowa and attended the University of Northern Iowa where he received a bachelor's degree in business administration. He received his master's degree and juris doctorate from the University of Iowa. He is an active community volunteer, serving multiple civic nonprofit organizations throughout the Willamette Valley.



ROGER BUSSE

University of Oregon
(Professor of Banking & Finance)
Eugene, Oregon
Board member since 2021

Roger most recently served as CEO and Director of Pacific Continental Bank in Eugene and was inducted into the Oregon Bankers Hall of Fame in 2018. He is a Professor of Banking and Finance at The University of Oregon. Roger received his bachelor's degree from Reed College and his master's degree from Harvard University. He volunteers his time serving on numerous local charitable organizations and committees focused on the banking industry.



TOM GERDING

Gerding Companies
Corvallis, Oregon
Board Member since 2018

Tom is the CEO of Gerding Companies, headquartered in Corvallis. He has worked in construction for more than three decades. His companies complete projects across the Northwest. He is also an active member of the community, serving a wide variety of projects and non-profits. Tom's family has been business owners in Benton County dating back to the early 1900s. He graduated from Oregon State University in 1984.



HEATHER MCGOWAN

SingerLewak
Accountants & Consultants
Albany, Oregon
Board member since 2008

Heather has been a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) since 1994 and currently practices her profession with SingerLewak Accountants & Consultants. She is a member of the Oregon Society of CPA's and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). Heather is also an active community volunteer, serving with several non-profit groups.

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LINDA NAVARRO

Oregon Bankers Association
Dayton, Oregon
Board member since 2024

Linda is a nationally recognized leader with nearly 30 years of experience advocating for the value of the banking industry in providing service to the diverse needs of individuals and businesses in Oregon communities. She retired from the Oregon Bankers Association in 2024 after 28 years of service, including 19 years as the President & CEO. In 2024, Linda was inducted into the Oregon Bankers Hall of Fame in recognition of her life-long efforts to promote the vital roles of community banks.



TAMARA SCOVILLE

Reed Smith
Corvallis, Oregon
Board member since 2022

Tamara is a contract attorney practicing in the area of healthcare regulatory law with Reed Smith's Life Sciences Health Industry Group. She has served as corporate Compliance Officer in the medical device industry and is experienced in corporate compliance, analysis, and counseling on fraud and abuse. Tamara is an Adjunct Professor at Oregon State University in the Health Management and Policy Program and also serves as Board Chair for Lumina Hospice and Palliative Care Services.



LARRY VENELL

Venell Farms Inc.
Corvallis, Oregon
Board member since 2010

Larry is a well-respected leader in Willamette Valley Agriculture, including hazelnuts, peppermint oil, and especially grass seed. Larry has served with several agricultural associations and has been active in Oregon legislation on behalf of Oregon Agriculture. He is the son of Clarence and Rosetta Venell. Larry took the position on the Board from Rosetta upon her retirement.



GORDON ZIMMERMAN

President and CEO, Citizens Bank
Corvallis, Oregon
Board member since 2015

Gordon joined Citizens Bank in March 2015. He began his banking career in 1998 and has been the President and CEO of several community banks. Prior to joining the financial industry, Gordon worked for KPMG as a CPA and Manager of the firm's audit department as well as CFO of several venture capital firms. Gordon is engaged in the Corvallis area and is an advocate for the banking industry both in Oregon and across the nation. His work to support contemporary community banking includes serving on the OBA Board of Directors and representing Oregon on several ABA advisory committees.