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# NUSA NEWS

## Eugene, Oregon Prepares For Your Arrival!

### Welcome!

NUSA's 39th Annual Conference on Neighborhood Concerns is fast approaching and the City of Eugene is busily preparing for your arrival. Conference participants will find a program filled with innovative workshop presentations, renowned keynote speakers, and exciting and unique tour opportunities that highlight Eugene's commitment to social justice and environmental sustainability.

### Conference Hotel

The recently refurbished Hilton Eugene is our conference hotel and is located in the downtown Eugene Arts District. The hotel is conveniently located within walking distance to more than 150 unique shops and restaurants, and features a fully equipped business center, indoor swimming pool, fitness center and two restaurants.

The room rate for conference attendees is \$99 per night (excluding taxes). To book your room by phone, call 541-342-2000 or toll-free 1-800-HILTONS (1-800-445-8667). Use group code: NBR to register. To book your room online, visit [www.eugene.hilton.com](http://www.eugene.hilton.com). On the main page select the date of arrival/date of departure and then click on Check Availability. Where it prompts you to add a special code, use NBR under group code. The deadline to make your room reservation is April 19, 2014.

### Travel to Eugene

There are several travel discounts available to conference attendees:

- Alaska Airlines - To receive up to a 5% discount, book online at [www.alaskaair.com](http://www.alaskaair.com) and use the Discount Code ECMV341.
- American Airlines - To receive up to a 5% discount, book online at [www.aa.com/group](http://www.aa.com/group) and use Promotion Code: 7354BZ.
- Delta Air Lines - To receive up to a 10% discount, book online at [www.delta.com](http://www.delta.com) and use the Meeting Event Code: NMJ2H.
- United Airlines - To receive up to a 10% discount, book online at [www.united.com](http://www.united.com) and use Offer Code ZRX8545848.
- Amtrak - 10% off lowest available fare. Call 800-872-7245 for reservations. Promo Code: X99R-988.

### Getting from the Airport/Amtrak to the Hotel

The Hilton Eugene and Conference Center offers free round trip shuttle service to the airport. There is also taxi and shuttle service available for hire at the airport (<http://www.eugene-or.gov/index.aspx?nid=1075>). The Amtrak station is located just two blocks from the conference hotel.

## Register Now!

The conference registration fee for Neighborhood, USA's (NUSA) 39th Annual Conference on Neighborhood Concerns is \$225. The fee includes:

### WEDNESDAY

- Welcome to Eugene! Party

### THURSDAY

- Opening Breakfast /Keynote Speaker
- Workshops

### FRIDAY

- Breakfast/Keynote Speaker
- Workshops

### FRIDAY (continued)

- Neighborhood of the Year Awards Luncheon/Keynote Speaker
- Neighborhood Pride Tour
- Voting - NUSA Board of Directors

### SATURDAY

- Continental Breakfast
- NUSA General Membership Meeting
- Best Neighborhood Program Award Luncheon

Registration is open now through May 2, 2014. There will be NO on-site registration. Additional conference information, including workshops and activities, can be obtained by downloading the conference registration book from [www.nusa.org](http://www.nusa.org). For a print copy of the registration book contact Rene Kane at 541-682-6243 or [rene.c.kane@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:rene.c.kane@ci.eugene.or.us).



# NUSA Board of Directors Candidates

Nine candidates have submitted applications and met eligibility requirements to run for seven seats on the Neighborhoods, USA (NUSA) Board of Directors for the 2014-17 term of office. Of those candidates, six are running for re-election, two are former NUSA Board Members and one is a new contender.

You can meet the candidates during Neighborhoods, USA's 39th Annual Conference on Neighborhood Concerns being held in Eugene, Oregon between May 21-24, 2014. A meet the candidate event is scheduled for Thursday, May 22nd at 5:30 p.m.. Elections will be held on Friday, May 23, 2014. All current dues paying members are eligible to vote. For more information, refer to the conference registration book available online at [www.nusa.org](http://www.nusa.org) or by requesting a registration book from Rene Kane at 541-682-6243 or [rene.c.kane@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:rene.c.kane@ci.eugene.or.us).

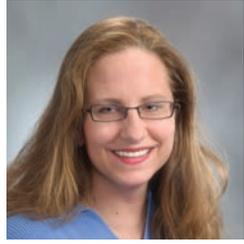
	<p><b>Diana C. Failla - Omaha, NE</b></p> <p><i>I am a dynamic and versatile professional who has over 35 years of community development and political advocacy experience. I am global and well-traveled and can address local matters as well as national affairs that plague neighborhoods in our country. I serve as President of the Omaha Midtown Neighborhood Alliance which includes 17 diverse and historic landmark districts in the city. I have raised association membership, addressed code enforcement concerns, landlord and crime prevention issues, identified funding sources and advocated before city officials to champion positive change throughout our neighborhoods. I serve as a Mayor-appointed Landmark Preservation Heritage Commissioner, and am well versed in urban development. I'm currently on the Omaha NUSA Board that is working to bring the NUSA Conference to Omaha in 2017.</i></p>
	<p><b>Vetricia A. McKinney - Memphis, TN</b></p> <p><i>I have served on the Board of NUSA between 2010-2013. I will be an asset to the NUSA Board of Directors because of my ability to make wise decisions during a board meeting. I enjoy working with and meeting diverse groups of people.</i></p>
	<p><b>Tony Olden - Memphis, TN</b></p> <p><i>I currently serve on the NUSA Board. I hold the position of Sergeant-of-Arms and serve on the Bylaws Committee. I will continue to work hard to keep NUSA a strong and vibrant organization. I have great organization skills and a commitment to building and strengthening neighborhoods. I also have strong leadership skills and the ability to communicate well with others.</i></p>
	<p><b>Gerri W. Robinson - Birmingham, AL</b></p> <p><i>I've had a rewarding experience as a NUSA Board Member, Parliamentarian, and attendee at all meetings and conferences since 2007. Having previously served as Community President, I defend keen principles associated with the welfare of neighborhoods and healthy living environments. As a Neighborhood President, I share suggestions, embrace ideas, and seek encouragement. Each month we make mutual decisions about plans to improve our district. I currently chair the NUSA Board Development Committee, which develops election procedures, and facilitates elections and orientations. I previously chaired the Bylaws and Rules Committee, ensuring reviews and updates, recommending modifications, and validating motions and resolutions for General Membership approval. I work with diverse people and organizations, share ideas, values and experiences. I sincerely endorse NUSA's purpose: To Build Stronger Communities.</i></p>

# NUSA Board of Directors Candidates ~ Continued



## **Angela S. Rush - Fort Worth, TX**

*I believe in the importance of community involvement and being a good neighbor, and have been very fortunate to work with organizations that embrace both of these values. Professionally, I serve as Fort Worth's Human Relations Administrator – responsible for enforcing Federal, State and Local anti-discrimination laws and have worked in various capacities with the City's neighborhood groups for well over 10 years. As a volunteer, I have served on the NUSA Board for the past six years in a variety of positions and currently serve as President. If re-elected, I would be honored to continue serving the membership by working to keep NUSA strong and promoting ways for neighborhood volunteers to share experiences and gain knowledge to address the issues impacting their neighborhoods.*



## **Anne-Marie Taylor - Indianapolis, IN**

*I've served on the NUSA Board since 2011. As an active community member and not-for-profit executive, I bring community development, leadership, fundraising and planning experiences and skills to support NUSA as we continue to grow. I learned so much from hosting NUSA in 2012, and look forward to sharing this information, and enjoying more NUSA conferences and more as we continue to come together and learn from each other. All of my community volunteer and professional work over the last 20+ years has focused upon resident-led neighborhood development. I firmly believe in the "Drum Major" philosophy of community asset development, encouraging groups and individuals to build their communities from the inside out, and this is what NUSA is all about!*



## **Tige Watts - Columbia, SC**

*During my 6 years on the NUSA board, I have been a leader and instrumental in modernizing the operations of Neighborhoods, USA. I have a passion for neighborhood organizations and helping communities get more people involved and engaged in their communities. After being President in 2010-2012, I have chaired NUSA's Public Affairs Committee the past two years. In that time I have been directly responsible for widening our outreach, while actually reducing the costs to our organization. Should I be fortunate enough to be re-elected to the Board of NUSA for a third and final term, I will continue to dedicate my energies to helping our organization stay strong as we head deeper into the 21st century.*



## **Richard Whipple - Fort Lauderdale, FL**

*I currently serve as Chair of the City of Fort Lauderdale Community Services Citizen Advisory Board. Since 2000, I have served on the Board of Directors, the State Planning Committee, and I am currently the Immediate Past President of the Florida Neighborhoods Conference. I have been involved with Neighborhoods, USA in numerous capacities since 2003 including: Serving on the Board of Directors (2003-2012), serving as Public Affairs Committee Chair (2004-2008) and Program Development Committee Chair (2009-2012), and serving as a technical advisor to Conference host cities/entities (2012-2014).*



## **Patrick Williams - Saginaw, MI**

*I was an educator for 30 years. I am a professional artist. I have served as a grant writer for the school district, an urban planner-designer and City Board of Commission member. I am currently a NUSA Board Member for the past 3 years. My professional training and volunteer work has helped me understand the needs of the cities.*

# NUSA Affiliate Memberships

## ALABAMA

- Birmingham:  
Hands on Youth Activities Program, Inc.
- Montgomery:  
Building our Neighborhoods for Development and Success

## CALIFORNIA

- Southern California Neighborhood Partners
- Livermore - Stop Urban Blight

## FLORIDA

- Florida Neighborhoods Conference, Inc.
- Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations, Inc.
- St. Petersburg - Historic Kenwood Neighborhood Association

## IDAHO

- Idaho Crime Prevention Association

## INDIANA

- Indianapolis Neighborhood Resource Center
- South Bend - Neighborhood Resources Corporation

## IOWA

- Iowa Department of Economic Development/  
Iowa Neighborhood Resource Center

## KANSAS

- Wichita Independent Neighborhoods, Inc.\*

## SOUTH CAROLINA

- Columbia Council of Neighborhoods
- Richland County Neighborhood Council
- Rock Hill Council of Neighborhoods

## VIRGINIA

- Virginia Statewide Neighborhood Conference, Inc.
- Roanoke - The Urbiculture Foundation

## WASHINGTON

- Community Council of Tacoma

## WISCONSIN

- Madison Neighborhoods, Inc.

## INTERNATIONAL

- Japan Association for Community Policy
- Citizen Crime Watch - Special Taskforce (Philippines)

\*Affiliation Renewal in Process



# NUSA City/County Memberships

## AB-CANADA

Edmonton

## ALABAMA

Birmingham

## ALASKA

Anchorage

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Carlsbad\*  
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Palm Springs  
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Hollywood  
Miramar  
Oakland Park  
Orlando\*

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## ILLINOIS

Decatur\*

## INDIANA

Indianapolis\*

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Unified Government-  
Wyandotte County\*  
Wichita

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Minneapolis

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Hattiesburg

## MISSOURI

Gladstone  
Kansas City\*

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Raleigh  
Winston-Salem

## OREGON

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## SOUTH CAROLINA

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Richland County  
Spartanburg\*

## TEXAS

Arlington  
DeSoto  
Fort Worth  
Houston  
Plano  
Round Rock\*

## VIRGINIA

Roanoke

## WASHINGTON

Kent  
Tacoma

## WISCONSIN

Green Bay  
La Crosse  
Madison

\* Renewal in Process



# Become A Member Today!

There are five categories of membership in NUSA:

- Affiliate - NUSA affiliates are composed of groups of neighborhood leaders /practitioners who actively work to build and strengthen neighborhoods. There is no charge to become a NUSA affiliate.
- City/County - City/County memberships are available for \$100 annually.
- Corporate - Corporate memberships are available for \$150 annually.
- Individual - One year individual memberships are included in the conference registration fee or by a separate payment of \$50.
- Youth- Youth memberships are available for \$25 annually.

For more information on memberships, visit - [www.nusa.org](http://www.nusa.org).

# NUSA Corporate Membership

Parallel Design, Inc. - Philadelphia, PA