

2021 Board Member Bios



Richelle Andrae, Dane County Supervisor/District 11

Lived in Madison for about 10 years, currently in Hill Farms. Experienced community through the eyes of an undergraduate student, a young professional working in non-profit, an academic, and a volunteer. Is a policy analyst and strategic planning consultant with Wisconsin Medicaid. Previously worked on local public health evaluation projects and other health policy issues like development of the workforce in rural areas. Worked directly with underserved teens in Madison high schools, helping them find and keep their first jobs. When not at work or engaged in County Board activities, can be found at the Odana dog park with her rescue, Roux. [Joined AAA Board in 2020]



Don Ashbaugh

Owns and operates Caring Transitions of Madison (helps older adults downsize, relocate, and dispose of household goods) since 2014. Serves on City of Fitchburg's Commission on Aging Well and Dane County Specialized Transportation Commission. Has auctioneer license. [Joined AAA Board in 2019]



Ted Bunck

Retired after nearly 40 years of professional, direct care, and administrative experience in the area of long-term care for people with Developmental & Intellectual Disabilities in Wisconsin, Maryland/Washington DC, and Ohio. Ph.D. from Ohio State University in Developmental Psychology with a major in Developmental/Intellectual Disabilities (Nisonger Center), and a Master's Degree from Western Michigan University in Clinical/Behavioral Psychology with a Management Cognate. Licensed Psychologist (Retired) and Nursing Home Administrator (Retired). Life member of American Psychological Association and American Association on Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities and Emeritus Member of the National Register. Serves on American Association of Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities - WI Board, State Aging Advisory Council. Serves on the Board of the Veterans Administration Work Therapy Program, the Verona Library Auxiliary Board, and Badger Prairie Needs Network volunteer Assistant Administrator. Currently active in several 2020 U.S. Census Complete Count Committees (state, county, and community) with a focus on advocating for undercounted Seniors. Viet Nam veteran--assigned to Reconnaissance/ Technical Squadron at Tan Son Nhut AFB in Saigon and a strong advocate for Viet Nam Veterans conscripted/coerced under Project 100,000. [Joined AAA Board in 2016; AAA Board Secretary]



Bill Clausius

Retired from the Dane County Board of Supervisors in 2020 after 10 years of service. Served on several County Board committees including the Personnel and Finance Committee, Health and Human Needs Committee, and Dane County Regional Planning Commission. Served on the AAA Board for four years, two of them as Chair. As a County Supervisor, advocated for issues concerning older adults including additional funding for nutrition and case management programs. Retired after nearly 27 years with the State of Wisconsin's Department of Corrections. Served on the Sun Prairie City Council for six years, two years as Council President. Lives in Sun Prairie with his wife, Carolyn and is involved in the care of his 91-year-old mother. [Joined AAA Board in 2020]



Diane Farsetta

Works as Senior Outreach Specialist at the UW-Madison School of Nursing's Center for Aging Research and Education. She has helped develop online resources for family caregivers of older adults, a service-learning course on person centered care of people living with dementia, and trainings for direct care staff working with older adults. She also serves on the board at the Capitol Lakes Foundation. She has a PhD in Biology, was a Wisconsin Women's Policy Institute Fellow with a focus on family caregiving policy, and has training in engaging vulnerable populations in research to improve their care and wellbeing. [Joined AAA Board in 2021]



Kate McGinnity, Dane County Supervisor/District 37

Lived in Dane County for over 45 years and in District 37 (Albion, Cambridge, Deerfield, Rockdale & Stoughton) for over 25 years. Lives in Cambridge with husband Bob; one son, Augie, born in 1996. Married, built her business, and raised her family in District 37. Is a proud product of public education in Wisconsin, from grade school in rural Argyle to high school and college in Madison. Earned a Bachelor's of Science in Special Education and a Master's Degree in Behavioral Disabilities from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Spent a career advocating for people with disabilities, first as a special education teacher and department chair in Sun Prairie and then as an autism specialist and small business owner in Dane County. [Joined AAA Board in 2020; AAA Board Vice-Chair]



Sridevi Mohan

Epidemiologist at Public Health Madison and Dane County. Master's in Public Health and Master's in Biological Sciences from Wayne State University, MI. Currently pursuing PhD in Clinical Investigation Science at UW-Madison with a focus on geriatrics and gerontology. Broad background in research, evaluation, aging, community engagement and equity issues (10+ years). Strives to reduce health disparities and inequities among minority/aging populations. Provides epidemiology/scientific/evaluation consultations to strategically plan and evaluate public health programs and interventions within her organization and to external partners in Dane County. Provides leadership on Healthy Aging initiatives within her organization and beyond to create an environment that nurtures, embraces and supports the aging population to age with grace and dignity. During COVID-19, serves as PHMDC's Aging and Long Term Care Sector Liaison. Sri lives with her husband and son in Middleton. [Joined AAA Board in 2017]



Larry Palm, Dane County Supervisor/District 12

[Joined AAA Board in 2020]



Melissa Ratcliff, Dane County Supervisor/District 36

Village of Cottage Grove Trustee (elected April 2018). Married to Phil and has two school aged children who attend Monona Grove School District. Paralegal at Eisenberg Law Offices, S.C. since 2000. [Joined AAA Board in 2018; AAA Board Chair]



Gail Rutkowski

Although not native to Dane County, Madison has truly become her home. In 1981 she moved to Madison, got married and later founded the Essen Haus in 1983. Five years later, their family grew by one and grew again less than two years later. As the children grew, so did their restaurant business, but in 1994 she decided it was time for a change. After working as a business analyst and independent contractor for many years, she decided to try her hand in Real Estate. Since 2005, she has been providing residential real estate services in Southern Wisconsin as an Associate Broker with CENTURY 21 Affiliated. Thanks to her degree in Business Administration, her experience as the Dane County Housing Authority Chair, and her love of learning, she has built a successful career as a REALTOR® with CENTURY 21 Affiliated. [Joined AAA Board in 2021]



Thom Rux

Retired healthcare professional after 44 years of service in educational and clinical setting, primarily in Milwaukee and Madison. Educational credentials are Master of Science in Healthcare Administration, Bachelor of Science in Management, and Diploma in Nursing. Certificates in Counseling: Alcohol dependency, Marriage and Family as well as Senior Living & long-term care facilities. Educational settings include Medical College of Wisconsin, MCW School of Nursing, and University of Wisconsin Medical School. Clinical settings in metro long term-care and mental health facilities and private physician groups practices. [Joined AAA Board in 2021]