

**MICHAEL M. MOONEY HONORED AS TRUSTEE OF THE YEAR
AT THE IDAHO HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION 2016 ANNUAL CONVENTION**

Mr. Mooney is a board member of United Heritage Mutual Holding Company, United Heritage Financial Group, and United Heritage Life Insurance Company.



Any organization worth its salt would want Mike Mooney on its team, and for good reasons. These are the words people use to describe him: “inspirational,” “focused,” “caring,” “a champion.” Fortunately, Mr. Mooney agreed to join St. Luke’s as a voluntary board leader, and has been providing instrumental guidance for more than a decade. He joined St. Luke’s Regional Medical Center Board of Directors in 2004 and currently serves as chair of St. Luke’s West Region Board, a position he has held since 2012. Mr. Mooney also served in the capacity of both member and chair of the board’s finance and quality committees.

“Mike has been a great mentor to me,” said St. Luke’s West Region CEO Kathy Moore. “He keeps us focused on the community and keeps our patients in the center of our decisions.” Mr. Mooney’s leadership and energy have been particularly significant of late as St. Luke’s seeks approval to embark on its largest investment in the organization’s history—the renovation and modernization of its downtown Boise campus. A relentless advocate for healthcare quality, “Mike doesn’t shy away from doing what is right, and that isn’t always the easy path.”

Along with his efforts around the Boise campus development project, he has provided leadership and guidance through a governance restructure and he is currently leading the board through the implementation of an organization-wide electronic health records system.

As if those are not enough responsibilities to keep him busy, he also serves as chair of the Board Development Committee, where he leads the group through development and recruitment, effectiveness reviews, and succession planning. In addition, he is a member of St. Luke’s Treasure Valley Real Estate Committee and the Health Foundation Board of Directors, and also participates on St. Luke’s Governance Committee and Health System Board of Directors.

Mr. Mooney’s unerring leadership and diligence have ensured that St. Luke’s continues to deliver on its mission to improve the health of people in our region. His knowledge has been invaluable as the organization continues to transform healthcare in an effort to deliver better health and better care at a lower cost. When it comes to philanthropy, he leads by example. An avid believer in the power of giving, he is a keen supporter of fund raising events for St. Luke’s Children’s, such as the Foundation’s annual Kid For a Night.

Mr. Mooney’s background has proven time and again to be of value in many of his board roles at St. Luke’s. He joined Bank of the Cascades (BOTC) in Boise as President of the Idaho Region in August 2003. He recently retired, but continues his role at the bank as president of the BOTC Foundation. He began his banking career in 1974 as a management trainee and held executive management positions with increasing responsibility throughout his distinguished career. He holds a bachelor’s degree from Utah State University and a master’s degree from Idaho State University. He is also a graduate of the Pacific Coast Banking School.

Placing a high value on work ethic and social responsibility, Mr. Mooney serves not only at St. Luke’s, but with other notable organizations in the Treasure Valley community as well. His current affiliations include: Albert T. Wada, Inc., advisory board; Andrus Center for Public Policy, board member; Boys & Girls Club of Ada County, advisory board; Delta Dental, board member and past chair; Jeker Foundation, governance chair; Idaho Bankers Association, public affairs committee; Idaho Business for Education, committee chair; Idaho Energy Resource Authority, board member; Idaho Shakespeare Festival, advisory board; Learning Lab, advisory board; St. Luke’s West Region, board chair; and Treasure Valley Leadership Alliance, committee member.

He has received numerous recognitions over the years, including the 1995 Professional Achievement Award from the College of Business and the Idaho State University Alumni Association; 1996 Business Leader of the Year from Alpha Kappa Psi, Professional Business Fraternity, ISU; 2006 ISU Distinguished Alumnus Award; 2010 Joyce Stein Award (Mike and Karen Mooney), from the Women’s and Children’s Alliance; 2013 Boise WaterShed Exhibit—I like My Water Clear Award; and in 2015 he was named one of 25 Money Makers by the Idaho Business Review, which recognizes financial professionals whose fiscal work has set the pace for their company and region.

Mr. Mooney is a born leader whose business acumen is balanced by an abiding compassion for his fellow man. He truly cares about this community asset we know as St. Luke’s, and he cares deeply about the community as a whole.

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