

**2022-2024 LEADERSHIP  
COUNCIL BIOS**



**STEPHANIE RODRIGUEZ, FOUNDER & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Stephanie comes from a 20-year corporate background in marketing, training, and sales. She's broken multiple company sales records, was voted Massage Therapist of the Year at work, and was published in Who's Who of Professional Women. She was a top executive recruiter in the largest recruiting firm in the world and managed two small hotels before she entered the world of Massage Therapy. During her massage career she has been in private practice, served as a Lead Therapist / Training Manager and Spa Manager in the Phoenix Metro Area.



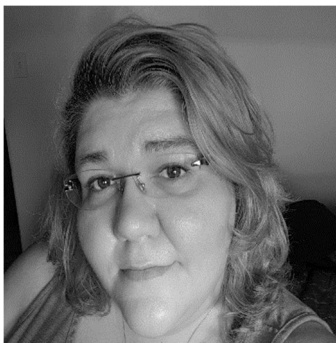
**MO TAIH, DIRECTOR OF MARKETING & EVENTS**

Mo received her entry-level massage training in 2010, she knew she wanted to pursue a career in educating others who wished to be wellness professionals. Mo holds a Master of Science Degree, is the owner of Tucson Massage CE Institute, and the Wellness Center on 7th Avenue. She looks forward to finishing her certification in Somatic Experiencing® in 2023. Mo says "Having the opportunity to work with USOLMT has been a rewarding experience. I look forward to helping create and establish a brighter, more replete future for massage therapists. "



**JORDAN BARTON, DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS**

Jordan's background is in retail and hospitality, business ownership and management, sales, and massage therapy. He previously sat on the Oregon State Board of Massage Therapy. Jordan believes that this is a good time to stride toward greater cohesion as an industry regarding portability, standards of language, definitions, and continuity. "There is an important moment in an industry where strength comes from unity." Unity an provide an evolutionary step allowing towards joining the nation's healthcare system. Jordan is in California.



**GWEN GOODFELLOW, SECRETARY / TREASURER**

Gwen comes to USOLMT from Washington. One of her passions is to help others to reach for their potential, by empowering them to overcome barriers. Gwen has an AA in Accounting and has over 10 years' experience as a bookkeeper and administrative assistant. Gwen participates in political and social campaigns, most recently an anti-racism education campaign and "Fight for \$20". Gwen has been a massage therapist for five years and has been an active massage educator. She loves teaching professionalism, ethics, and communication.

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**JESSICA PARILLA, Ph.D., DIRECTOR OF CAMPAIGNS**

Jessica received her Ph.D. in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and taught Microbiology and Virology for 14 years. Later, Jessica decided to shift gears and pursue massage therapy and graduated from the Atlanta School of Massage. Currently, Jessica is a solopreneur and owns 42Therapies massage studio in Atlanta, Georgia. Additionally, she teaches Virology, Vaccines and other microbiology-related courses at the college level and communicates science to the public through her blog. Her vision is to combine wellness and evidence-based science practices together to address stress and burnout in the modern person.



**TINA QUATRIONI, DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES & MUTUAL AID**

Tina has a corporate background in the telecommunications industry and is a creative arts photographer. She graduated from massage school in 2020. Tina is the owner of her private practice, SOLACE massage LLC in Connecticut. She specializes in trauma informed bodywork. Tina is a certified Reiki Practitioner since 2008 and is a Certified Trauma Professional. She continues various continuing education on trauma related pathologies, neurosciences, and has started training in Somatic Experiencing to become an SE practitioner under Somatic Experiencing International.



**CHRISTY GAGNEUER, DIRECTOR OF MEMBERSHIP**

Christy attended massage school in 2008 and has been a practicing therapist since. She connected with many other health professionals early in her practice and co-founded a women's wellness center. In 2015, Christy founded Adrian School of Massage from the ground up using a successful crowdfunding campaign. She works as an educator and the director/founder of the program. She has a big desire for connection and believes our walk into the future of this fantastic profession will be brightest when we stand together in unity. Christy is in Michigan.



**ASHLEY URQUHART, HONORARY MEMBER**

Ashley is an NCBTMB approved CE provider and the founder of MT Banquets, an event-based company that celebrates and honors wellness providers. Ashley, wellness advocate and activist, has been licensed in North Carolina for over twelve years. She donated a portion of the proceeds from MT Banquets to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) for health and wellness professionals, and partnered with What Gives, an NC Non-Profit Organization to fund Massage Therapists nationwide with a scholarship program.