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*The Governor's Commission on
Service and Volunteerism*

Serve Idaho Mission



“To inspire and recognize volunteers and empower communities through service and AmeriCorps to solve Idaho’s unmet needs.”

What is Serve Idaho?



- The State Commission on Service and Volunteerism. Every state has a commission who is charged with administering AmeriCorps funding in their respective state.
- Made up of commissioners that are appointed by the governor. Commissioners represent unique geographic areas and disciplines as outlined in the Executive Order signed by the governor.
- Funded by federal funds provided by the Corporation for National and Community Service.



Commissioner Requirements

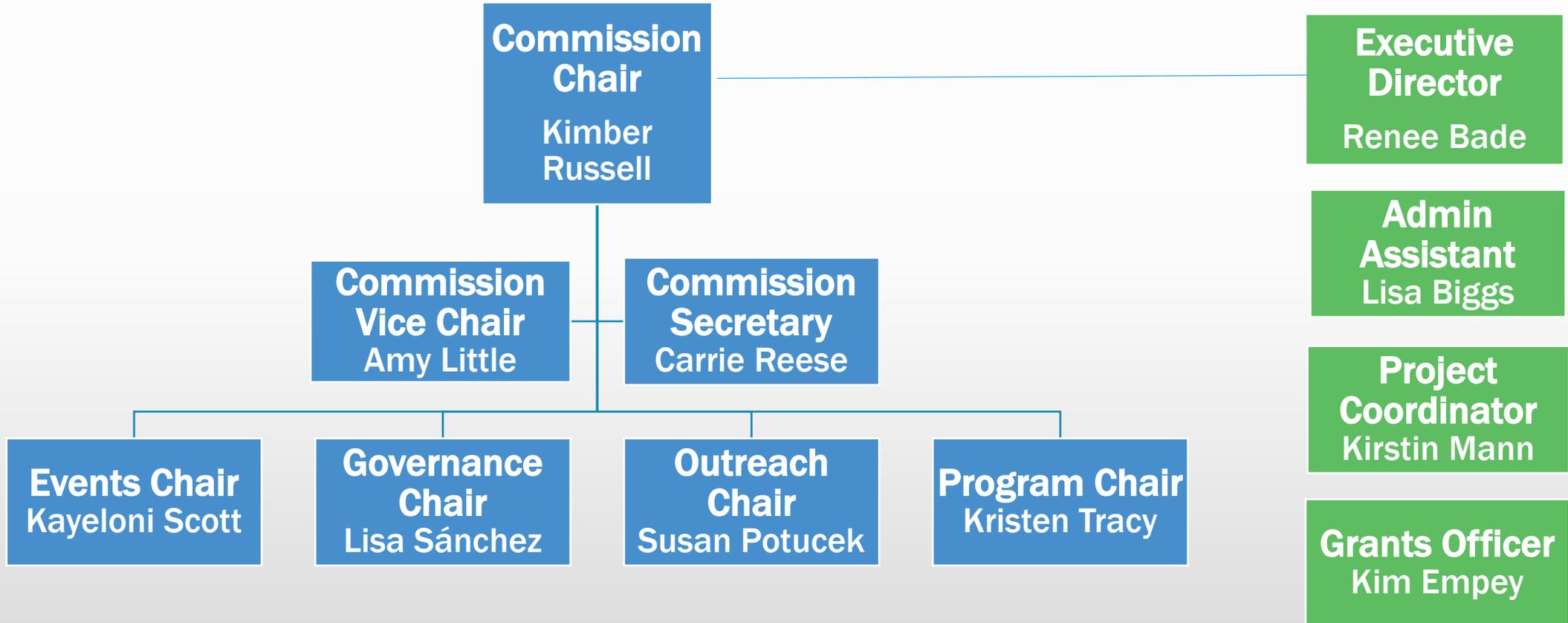


- **3 Year Term of Service**
- **Time Commitment**
 - **Generally 1-2 hours/month in addition to quarterly meetings**
- **Attend quarterly meetings**
 - **January, April, July, October**
 - **Meetings take place in Boise**
 - **75% attendance requirement**
- **Participate in 1 Standing Committee**
- **Attend Serve Idaho events as available to include – Idaho’s Brightest Stars, Serve Idaho Conference, National Days of Service, National Service Day of Recognition, AmeriCorps site visits**
- **Help acquire in-kind and financial support for commission activities.**



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2020 Organizational Chart



Commission Leadership



Kimber Russell- Chair
Meridian
Business



Amy Little- Vice Chair
Boise
Ex-Officio – Idaho Nonprofit
Center CEO



Carrie Reese- Secretary
Hayden
Community Based Agency



Susan Potucek- Outreach Chair
Twin Falls
Business



Lisa Sánchez- Governance Chair
Boise
Local Government



Kristen Tracy- Program Chair
Boise
Older Adult Sector



**Kayeloni Scott- Events
Chair**
Lapwai
Tribes

Commission Members



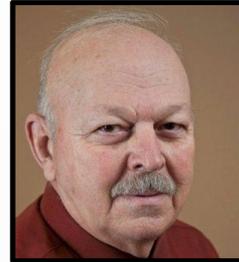
Doug Brown
Garden City
Youth Services



Colleen Clark
Boise
Volunteer Sector



Brady Fuller
Boise
Business



Don Heuer
Caldwell
National Service



Farhana Hibbert
Pocatello
Human Services



Kristi Keeler
Grangeville
Youth Services



Charlette Kremer
Lewiston
National Service



Bill Langer
Coeur d' Alene
Social Services



Jesse Maldonado
Lewiston
Youth



Dirk Marsden
Firth
Local Labor Org.



Bryan Wewers
Boise
Business

Commission Ex-Officio Member



Amy Busch
Denver
Corporation for National &
Community Service



Jani Revier
Boise
Idaho Dept. of Labor

Serve Idaho Staff



Renee Bade
Executive Director



Lisa Biggs
Administrative Assistant



Kim Empey
Grants & Contracts
Officer



Kristin Mann
Project Coordinator

How do we Serve Idaho?



- Administer Idaho's AmeriCorps grants to address critical community needs.
- Provide leadership in national days of service including Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, September 11th Day of Service and Remembrance, and Idaho@Play.
- Host the annual Serve Idaho Conference on Service and Volunteerism to provide volunteer management and professional development training.
- Host the Idaho's Brightest Star Awards to recognize Idaho's outstanding volunteers.
- Recognize local support through annual National Service Day of Recognition.



History of Serve Idaho



- Established in 1994 through Executive Order by Governor Cecil D. Andrus as a result of the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993 which created AmeriCorps.
 - The commission had two staff members and a governor-appointed commission comprised of 17 individuals representing diverse backgrounds and regions of the state.
 - Formerly known as the Idaho Commission for National and Community Service.
 - First class of 23 AmeriCorps members was sworn-in in 1994.
 - The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) provides Federal funding for service-related programs and initiatives. Including:
 - AmeriCorps State and National Grants Program
 - AmeriCorps VISTA
 - Senior Corps
- **The three initiatives are often referred to as “National Service”**

Serve Idaho Conference



- Held in spring.
- Target audience is nonprofit and volunteer management professionals, AmeriCorps members, service-learning practitioners, and National Service Members. (ie: VISTA members, Senior Corps members)
- Training provided:
 - Leadership & Volunteer Management
- Commissioners on events committee are encouraged to volunteer during the conference. Commissioners serve on the planning committee and provide trainings at the conference. Participation in planning committee is 10 months a year for 1-2 hours per month.

National Day's of Service



- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- September 11th Day of Service and Remembrance
- Idaho@Play



Commissioners participate in events in their communities that are planned by local AmeriCorps members.

National Service Recognition Day



- Mayors, county officials, and tribes recognize impact of national service in their communities.
- Second Tuesday of April
- Commissioners work with local mayors and county officials to recognize national service members in their communities. Activities have included:
 - Service projects
 - Signed proclamation
 - Member recognition



Idaho's Brightest Star Awards



- Recognizes Idaho's unsung heroes who work tirelessly as volunteers to improve the quality of life for Idaho and its citizens.
- 7 categories: Individual, Senior Citizen, Organization, Veteran, Corporation, Teacher, Student
- Nominations are sought from across the state in August. Committee of commissioners and community members review and determine finalists.
- Ceremony takes place every year generally in January.



National Service Programs

Rooted in America's Tradition of Service



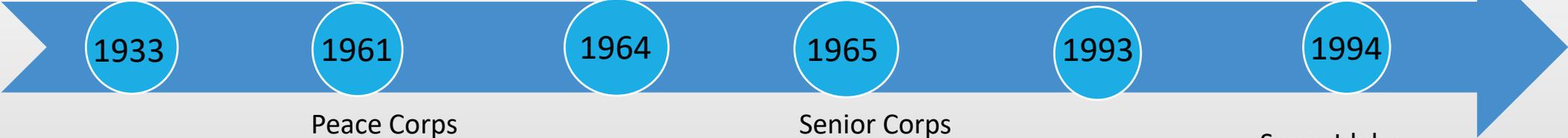
Civilian Conservation Corps



VISTA Program



Corporation for National and Community Service and AmeriCorps



1933

1961

1964

1965

1993

1994

Peace Corps



Senior Corps



Serve Idaho



What is National Service?



AmeriCorps State and National

- Full or part-time members meet critical needs through direct service. Serve Idaho oversees the funding for AmeriCorps state programs.

AmeriCorps Volunteers in Service to America – VISTA

- Full-time members build capacity and address poverty issues. The state CNCS office oversees funding for AmeriCorps VISTA.

AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps – NCCC

- Full-time members (ages 18-24) strengthen communities through direct, team-based national and community service. The Federal CNCS office oversees funding for NCCC.

Senior Corps

- Connects individuals 55 and older with nonprofit organizations and government agencies. Programs include the Foster Grandparent Program, Senior Companion Program, and Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP). The state CNCS office oversees funding.

Serve Idaho Funding



- **Formula Funding:** \$1.2 million in Federal funding for AmeriCorps programs in Idaho provided by the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS).
- **Commission Support Grant:** \$265,000 in Federal funding for the administration of the Serve Idaho Commission provided by CNCS. Serve Idaho's Program Manager applies for this funding to operate the commission annually.
- **Commission Investment Funds:** \$149,090 in Federal funds to provide for training and technical assistance for AmeriCorps programs and to provide outreach to develop new AmeriCorps grant opportunities.
- **Match:** Cash and in-kind contributions that match the commission support grant dollar for dollar. Match can include donated items such as food or event space, or cash contributions from businesses. Commissioners are heavily involved in helping secure matching funds.

AmeriCorps Program Funding Flow



Health and Human Services Appropriations Committee Recommendations



United States Congress Approves



Corporation for National and Community Service Distributes



State Commissions (Serve Idaho) Receives & Distributes



Community & Faith-Based Organizations to host AmeriCorps Programs (Sub-Grantee)



AmeriCorps Funded in 2019-2020



Boise State University, Bronco Tutors

Members provide literacy tutoring in the Boise School District and throughout the Treasure Valley.

Idaho Healthcare for Children and Families AmeriCorps

Members address health needs of Idaho's low-income children and families in rural underserved areas of Idaho by providing health screenings and education.

Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute (PCEI) AmeriCorps

Members are placed on projects providing environmental education to Idahoans, or conducting environmental restoration on Idaho lands.

Student Conservation Association (SCA) Idaho AmeriCorps

Residential program focusing on environmental conservation, natural resource protection, community stewardship, and workforce development needs in the Salmon- Challis National Forest.

University of Idaho - 4-H, Positive Youth Development AmeriCorps

Members work with 4-H extension offices to improve academic engagement and social-emotional skills in youth aged 5-18 years.

CNCS Funding Priorities



- **Disaster Services**
- **Economic Opportunity**
- **Education**
- **Environmental Stewardship**
- **Healthy Futures**
- **Veterans & Military Families**





Who is eligible to apply for AmeriCorps funding?



- Nonprofit organizations
- State and local governments
- Institutions of higher education
- Native American Tribes

Commission's Role in Determining AmeriCorps Funding

Serve Idaho Receives Formula Funds from CNCS



Commission Provides Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to Organizations



Organizations Submit Grant Applications



Grant Review Committee Reviews Grants (Commissioners Serve on Committee)



Recommendations Presented to Full Commission for Approval



CNCS Awards Grant Funding Based on Commission Recommendations



AmeriCorps Details



Full-Time Members	Part-Time Members	Minimum-Time Members
1700 hours	900 hours	300 hours
\$6,195 Education Award	\$3,097 Education Award	\$1,311 Education Award
Health Insurance	No Health Insurance	No Health Insurance

***Term of service may vary, but does not last longer than 1 year.**

Members participate in 4 National Days of Service per Year:

Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service – January

AmeriCorps Week – March

Idaho@Play – June

One additional day of each program's choice



Benefits of Being an AmeriCorps Member



- Professional Development
- Living Stipend
- Health Insurance (full-time members only)
- Making a Difference in One's Community
- Education Award Upon Completion of Term of Service



Standing Committees



Program Committee

- Reviews AmeriCorps grants applications & determines funding priorities
- Participates in on-site evaluations of AmeriCorps programs

Outreach Committee

- Promotes volunteerism & civic participation in Idaho
- Markets Serve Idaho events

Governance Committee

- Identifies & orients new commission members
- Reviews and updates bylaws

Events Committee

- Plans and oversees the Serve Idaho Conference and Idaho's Brightest Stars

Welcome to Serve Idaho!

