

SIX DECADES OF ARLINGTON LEADERSHIP

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In November 1930, Arlington became the first county in the United States to adopt the "County Manager" form of government. Under the County Manager plan, patterned after the manager form of government then employed in American cities, a relatively small county board serves as the legislative and policy-making body of the county, and a professional county manager appointed by the county board serves as the principal administrative officer.¹

Since January 1, 1932, when the first county board elected under the County Manager plan took office, a total of 57 individuals have served as members of the Arlington County Board. These men and women have provided leadership as the county has undergone significant changes over the past 62 years, including the unification of the county from three magisterial districts; the development of major county-wide support and infrastructure systems, such as schools, libraries, roads, police and fire protection, and sewers; and the increasing urbanization of one of the smallest counties in the United States. However, most Arlingtonians today know these leaders of the community only by the accomplishments they left behind, and not by their names, faces or biographies.

The author hopes that the following roster of Arlington County Board members² generates remembrances of Arlington's rich history of civic issues, ideals and personalities for long-time Arlingtonians and serves to stimulate interest in learning about Arlington's twentieth-century political history in those Arlingtonians who are more recent "newcomers." The author also hopes that this roster will become the framework for a more comprehensive publication of biographies of Arlington County Board members and invites readers who wish to share information, photographs, or other memorabilia to contact him, c/o the Arlington Historical Society.

ARLINGTON COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS, 1932-1994

Name	Term of Service
W. P. Ames	1936-1939
Lucas H. Blevins	1957-1960
Ellen Bozman	1974-
(Served as Chairman in 1976, 1983, 1984, 1989 and 1992)	
(Served as Vice Chairman in 1975, 1978 and 1991)	
Herbert L. Brown, Jr.	1958-1961
(Served as Chairman in 1960)	
Michael E. Brunner	1984-1987
Leone B. Buchholz	1952-1958
(Elected to filled unexpired term on Nov. 10, 1952)	
(Served as Chairman in 1954)	
M. Rex Byrne	1952
(Appointed on Sept. 18, 1952, to fill vacancy until filled by election on Nov. 10, 1952.)	
Edmund D. Campbell	1940-1946
(Served as Chairman in 1942 and 1946)	
Florence Cannon	1948-1951
(Served as Chairman in 1951)	
Harold J. Casto	1964-1967
(Served as Chairman in 1967)	
F. Freeland Chew	1936-1951
(Served as Chairman in 1939, 1941 and 1945)	
Wesley W. Cooper	1954-1957
(Served as Chairman in 1956 and 1957)	
Robert W. Cox	1950-1952
(Served as Chairman in 1952)	
(Removed from office on Sept. 17, 1952, under a ruling of the Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals that the exemption of members of the Arlington County Board from the prohibi- tion against federal employees holding office in Virginia had been granted by an unconstitu- tional statute.)	

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term of Service</u>
Harry W. Cuppett	1947 (Appointed on May 17, 1947)
Alan L. Dean	1952 (Removed from office on Sept. 17, 1952 under a ruling of the Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals that the exemption of members of the Arlington County Board from the prohibi- tion against Federal employees holding office in Virginia had been granted by an unconsti- tutional statute.)
Basil M. DeLashmutt	1940-1949 (Served as Chairman in 1943, March-Decem- ber 1947, and 1949)
Robert H. Detwiler	1952-1953 (Elected to fill unexpired term on Nov. 11, 1952)
Stephen Detwiler	1979-1982 (Served as Chairman in 1981 and 1982) (Served as Vice Chairman in 1980)
Daniel A. Dugan	1947-1952 (Served as Chairman in 1948 and 1950) (Removed from office on Sept. 17, 1952 under a ruling of the Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals that the exemption of members of the Arlington County Board from the prohibi- tion against Federal employees holding office in Virginia had been granted by an unconstitu- tional statute.)
Albert C. Eisenberg	1984- (Served as Chairman in 1987 and 1990) (Served as Vice Chairman in 1986, 1988- 1989 and 1994)
Harry A. Fellows	1932-1935 (Served as Chairman in 1932-1933)
Joseph L. Fisher	1963-1974 (Served as Chairman in 1963 and 1971) (Served as Vice Chairman in 1968) (Resigned following his election to the U.S. House of Representatives)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term of Service</u>
Walter Frankland	1976-1983
(Served as Chairman in 1980)	
(Served as Vice Chairman in 1979)	
Alfred E. Frisbie	1947-1952
(Appointed on Nov. 26, 1947)	
(Served as Chairman in September-December, 1952)	
John C. Gall	1932-1933
(Resigned on May 31, 1933)	
Christopher B. Garnett.....	1933-1935
(Appointed on Dec. 11, 1933)	
Fred A. Gosnell, Sr.	1932-1933
(Resigned on Dec. 11, 1933)	
Dorothy Grotos	1976-1983
(Served as Chairman in 1979)	
(Served as Vice Chairman in 1981 and 1982)	
Dr. Kenneth M. Haggerty	1966-1973
(Served as Chairman in 1969)	
(Served as Vice Chairman in 1967)	
James B. Hunter III.....	May 1990-
(Served as Chairman in 1993)	
(Served as Vice Chairman in 1992)	
(Elected in a special election in May 1990 to fill the unexpired term of John G. Milliken, who had been appointed as Secretary of Transportation of the Commonwealth of Virginia.)	
Ralph Kaul	1956-1963
(Served as Chairman in 1958)	
Lyman M. Kelley	1932-1934
(Served as Chairman in 1934)	
(Removed by court order on Nov. 3, 1934)	
Alvin F. Kimel	1952-1955
(Elected to fill unexpired term on Nov. 10, 1952)	
David L. Krupsaw	1956-1960
(Served as Chairman in 1959)	
(Died in office on Jan. 21, 1960)	

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Leo C. Lloyd	1940-1947
(Served as Chairman in 1944)	
(Died in office on Nov. 3, 1947)	
Roye L. Lowry	1962-1965
(Served as Chairman in 1964)	
W. A. E. McShea	1934-1939
(Appointed on Nov. 8, 1934)	
(Served as Chairman in 1937)	
Elizabeth B. Magruder	1932-1947
(Served as Chairman in 1938, 1940 and 1947;	
Resigned as Chairman on Feb. 11, 1947)	
Howard R. Massey	1952
(Appointed on Sept. 18, 1952 to fill vacancy	
until filled by election on Nov. 10, 1952.)	
John G. Milliken	1981-Feb. 1990
(Served as Chairman in 1985 and 1988)	
(Served as Vice Chairman in 1983, 1984 and 1987)	
(Resigned in February 1990 following his	
appointment as Secretary of Transportation of	
the Commonwealth of Virginia)	
Everard Munsey	1972-1975
(Served as Chairman in 1973)	
(Served as Vice Chairman in 1972)	
William T. Newman, Jr.	1988-March 1993
(Served as Chairman in 1991)	
(Served as Vice Chairman in 1990)	
(Resigned in March 1993 following his	
appointment as a Circuit Judge)	
Robert A. Peck	1952-1955
(Served as Chairman in 1953)	
John Purdy	1973-1980
(Served as Chairman in 1975 and 1978)	
(Served as Vice Chairman in 1973 and 1977)	
A. Leslie Phillips	1969-1972
(Served as Vice Chairman in 1970)	

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Thomas W. Richards	1961-1968; 1975
(Served as Chairman in 1963 and 1968)	
(Appointed in 1975 to fill the unexpired term of Joseph L. Fisher, who had been elected to the U.S. House of Representatives.)	
(Only Board member to serve in two non-continuous time periods)	
Jay E. Ricks	1968-1971
(Served as Vice Chairman in 1971)	
George M. Rowzee, Jr.	1953-1956
(Served as Chairman in 1955)	
B. M. Smith	1933-1935
(Appointed on June 1, 1933)	
(Served as Chairman from Nov. 8, 1934 to Dec. 31, 1935 — Acting Chairman)	
Ned R. Thomas	1967-1970
(Served as Chairman in 1970)	
(Served as Vice Chairman in 1969)	
John A. Tillema	1952
(Appointed on Sept. 18, 1952 to fill vacancy until filled by election on Nov. 10, 1952.)	
Leo Urbanske, Jr.	1959-1966
(Served as Chairman in 1961 and 1966)	
Mary Margaret Whipple	1983-
(Served as Chairman in 1986 and 1994)	
(Served as Vice Chairman in 1985 and 1993)	
Joseph S. Wholey	1971-1978
(Served as Chairman in 1972, 1974 and 1977)	
(Served as Vice Chairman in 1976)	
Ernest D. Wilt	1960-1963
(Appointed on Jan. 29, 1960)	
(Served as Chairman in 1962)	
Benjamin H. Winslow, Jr.	April 1993-
(Elected in a special election in April 1993 to fill the unexpired term of William T. Newman, Jr., who had been appointed a Circuit Judge.)	
George M. Yeatman	1936-1939
(Served as Chairman in 1936)	

Notes and References

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¹See Robert Nelson Anderson, "Arlington Adopts the County Manager Form of Government," *Arlington Historical Magazine*, 1958, Vol. 1, No. 2, pp. 52-66, for a detailed history of the circumstances leading to the decision for Arlington to change to this form of government.

²Sources for this roster include "County Officials in Arlington, 1870-1960," *Arlington Historical Magazine*, 1967, Vol. 3, No. 3, pp.36-50; and unpublished vertical file material in the collection of the Arlington Central Library, Virginia Room.