

CITY OF HARRISBURG DEPARTMENT of ADMINISTRATION
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RUSSELL BOGGS

Bio

Russell Boggs is the founding president/CEO, and current treasurer of the Central Pennsylvania Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce (CPGLCC).

Russ was born in Philadelphia, PA and raised in Levittown, PA. He attended Shippensburg University, which brought him to Central Pennsylvania. There he earned BS and MEd degrees.

Beginning in 1970, and until he retired in 2005, Russ taught fifth grade in the Cumberland Valley School District. While there, for several years, he was the chair of the district's Act 48 Council (professional development), and the Association president. He also served on several state and national professional education committees, and was awarded a Service Award by Phi Delta Kappa – an honorary international education organization.

Some of his past activities include serving as a commissioner on the Carlisle Shade Tree Commission, being a PIAA soccer referee, and as the president of the Middlesex Youth Baseball Association.

Russ was the last co-chair of the Business Association of Gay and Lesbians (BAGAL), and the first president/CEO of the CPGLCC. He was instrumental in the conversation of BAGAL into the CPGLCC, which was launched in 2007.

In 2010, he was recognized by the Central Penn Business Journal as one of the twenty-five most influential minority leaders in the mid-state in the past twenty-five years. In 2013, the Harrisburg Regional Chamber & CREDC presented Russ with one of its first "Celebrate Diversity Honoree" awards and he was a LGBT of Central PA FAB awardee.

He continues to serve the Chamber as its treasurer, as well as the greater community on the Board of Directors of the LGBT Center of Central PA, on the Nominating and Governance Committee of Alder Health Services, and as the Chairman of the re-instated Harrisburg Human Relations Commission. Russ can be reached via email: rsshbg@comcast.net

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