

## ACTO Board Members 2021-2022



**Vikram Bhatt – *President***

Cisgender male, who identifies as an Indian, heterosexual and agnostic about religious affiliation. Among his core identities is that of a curious explorer, a father, and a person who has been in a spiritual partnership with his wife over the last 25 years. As a coach he embodies intuitive wisdom, and as a coach educator as well as a coach trainer he embodies the identity of a disruptor, who challenges the status quo and is invested in evolving coach training towards serving the consciousness shift on this planet. While proudly embracing his Indian identity, he claims his global citizenship with shyness and some nervousness, and he is learning to own those identities that are outside of his birth and his origin. What has helped him live in uncertain time is the value of friendship and learning.



**Jodi Sleeper-Triplett – *Immediate Past President***

I am a white, cisgender, heterosexual woman, raised in a predominantly Jewish community in the suburbs of Boston, MA. I worked my way through college, eager to learn and determined to succeed in spite of socio-economic and personal struggles. I have spent over 40 years living and working in Northern Virginia, married to the same man for 37 years. As an avid cat lover, I find peace and comfort in the company of my furry friends. I am passionate about my work as a student life and ADHD/EF coach trainer, striving to provide an inclusive learning environment where differences are valued and respected.



**Shareefah Sabur – *Vice President***

Black, US American (second generation born free), Female, Muslim; has a non-visible disability. Born in Ohio to working class parents of the Great Migration. Earned two Master's degrees and worked in healthcare for over 30 years, locally and internationally. Executive Director of the Gestalt Institute of Cleveland, certified diversity professional, coach educator, coach.



**Jim Smith – Treasurer**

Skinny white kid who grew up in an economically-challenged Catholic and ethnic suburban community where eight siblings and hand-me-downs was the norm and everyone's grandparents were "from the old country." Struggled with both depression and sexual identity. First in his family to graduate university, he built a multi-hued and international family through birth and adoption, learning along the way how to advocate for those with differing abilities. Proud that he has always sought to raise up strong women both in his sons/daughters and in the workplace. Situational vegan. Loves to dance, garden, and curate dark beers, owns 16 ways to make coffee, and loves to talk to strangers.



**Lee Coffee**

Black, American, Male, identifies as Lee. Spiritual and not religious; first in his family to earn Master's Degree. Professional soldier-medic for over 24 years; has a non-visible disability; internationally known Chautauqua performer who enjoys opera, theater, historical and art museums, most musical genres pre-1990's, reading, and running or swimming to relive stress. No interest in any sport of any kind. Teaches and coaches to the human soul.



**Virginia González-Vélez Valcarce**

Woman white mother, a university graduate, Spanish, grew up in the Canary Islands from a peninsular family. She graduated from Madrid and settled there. She is an entrepreneur, non-conformist who seeks her own fulfillment and the people she interacts with through spiritual practice and coaching. She is a coach trainer.



**Franda Graves**

Black, American living in Dubai, UAE; Two awesome sons; have lived in the Middle East for 16 years; BS: Respiratory Therapy and Healthcare Management; worked in healthcare for over 30 years; Full time coach, coach trainer and mentor; entrepreneur, Empowerment facilitator; Life issues mediator.



**Sukari Pinnock Fitts**

Sukari is a cisgender woman and a member of the African diaspora. She is a heterosexual Baby Boomer, living with a hidden disability and some degree of socio-economic privilege as a U.S. National. She has no religious affiliation, believing strongly that the "universe provides." She is the daughter of a Jamaican immigrant father and South Carolinian mother, and was raised with one sibling in a middle-class, multi-racial neighborhood in Los Angeles. Now residing on the tribal lands of the Nacotchtank, Sukari has been coaching leaders in all sectors for over 20 years, supporting clients in the U.S. and abroad. She is a devoted partner-spouse, a proud mom and a favorably biased "Nona" to three delightful grandsons.



### **Fabiola Solis Plaza**

Latin American; Multi-ethnic; Middle-aged; Woman. Raised in a privileged environment. Ecuadorian by birth, Chilean by will. Aware since my childhood of the different cultural hearts that beat in my soul. Enriched by the beauty of practicing any artistic path, from dance, drums, design, and Japanese Sashiko embroidery. I am developing and committed to professional coaching to offer my clients and students bold opportunities, enhancing their leadership geared towards the emerging world.

Latinoamericana; Multiétnica; de Mediana Edad; Mujer. Criada en un entorno privilegiado. Ecuatoriana de nacimiento, chilena de voluntad Consciente desde mi niñez de los diferentes corazones culturales que laten en mi alma. Enriquecida con la belleza de practicar cualquier camino artístico, desde la danza, los tambores, el diseño y el bordado japonés Sashiko. Me desarrollo comprometida con el coaching profesional para ofrecer a mis clientes y estudiantes oportunidades audaces, para robustecer su liderazgo orientado hacia el mundo emergente.



### **Johan von Bavel**

Johan is a powerful, sensitive and beautiful gay man. The color of his skin is white. He was born and raised in the Netherlands, and identifies as a Dutch man. The family he was born into was working class and he has 3 brothers and 3 sisters. He is the only one in that family with a bachelor's degree. Johan lives with his boyfriend, with whom he has been a couple for 27 years now. Ten years ago, he started a coach training school, which is accredited by the ICF as ACTP. He is an ICF MCC, an accomplishment of which he is quite proud. A former rugby player, he still loves sports, although his physical ability doesn't allow him to engage much in sports. He loves to travel...to meet new people and to learn about different cultures.