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## These 8 Philly nonprofits have new leadership



By Julie Zeglen

**Editor's Note:** The headline has been changed to reflect the number of leadership moves included in the story, including the addition of SBN's Anna Shipp. (4/10, 11:50 a.m.)

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*Power Moves* is a semi-regular column chronicling leadership movements within Philly's social impact community. Send announcements to [philly@generocity.org](mailto:philly@generocity.org).

### 1. Jamila Harris-Morrison is taking over at ACHIEVEability.

A 10-year veteran of the community organization serving low-income families in West Philadelphia, Harris-Morrison is leaving her position as director of self-sufficiency to become ACHIEVEability's new executive director. She's also about to finish up a master's program in social work at the University of Pennsylvania's SP2.

### 2. Philanthropy Network has a handful of high-profile new board members.

The organization for local philanthropic leaders just added a bunch of well-known names to its board, including the ever-busy Greenlight Fund Philadelphia ED, Omar Woodard (<http://generocity.org/philly/2017/01/30/work-hacks-omar-woodard/>); Chester County Fund for Women and Girls ED Michelle Legaspi Sanchez (<http://generocity.org/philly/2016/09/07/michelle-legaspi-sanchez-chester-county/>); Mayor's Fund for Philadelphia ED Ashley Del Bianco (<http://generocity.org/philly/2017/03/27/mayors-fund-makeover/>); The Philadelphia Foundation Chief of Staff Nell Booth; and The Lenfest Foundation Program Officer Wes Somerville (<http://lenfestfoundation.org/about-us/our-staff>).



**Philanthropy Network**

@philanthropyPHL

Welcome to our new Board members Nell Booth, Ashley Del Bianco, [@mlegaspisanchez](#), Wes Somerville & [@OmarWoodard](#) #2017MembersMtg

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### 3. Ben Waxman is the new ED for Wage Change.

Wage Change (<http://wagechange.com/>), founded by small business owner and social impact developer Ken Weinstein (<http://generocity.org/philly/2016/03/07/philly-office-retail-american-communities-trust-social-impact->

real-estate/), is a coalition of small businesses in Philadelphia that agree to gradually increase their minimum wage and advocate for a universal living wage ([http://www.philly.com/philly/business/labor\\_and\\_unions/Bosses-to-encourage-each-others-to-pay-more.html](http://www.philly.com/philly/business/labor_and_unions/Bosses-to-encourage-each-others-to-pay-more.html)).

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The local Democratic committeeperson signed on to lead the new nonprofit in February.

#### 4. Robert Wood Johnson Foundation’s Dr. Risa Lavizzo-Mourey is heading to Penn.

Lavizzo-Mourey announced in September (<http://www.rwjf.org/en/library/articles-and-news/2016/09/rlm-stepping-down.html>) she would be stepping down this month as president and CEO of the Princeton-based health foundation, a position she’d held for 14 years.

Next January, she’ll also be starting as the University of Pennsylvania’s 19th Penn Integrates Knowledge University Professor, a position that encourages cross-disciplinary research. Her work will focus on medical ethics, health care management and community health.



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Risa Lavizzo-Mourey named a Penn Integrates Knowledge Prof w/ appointments at @PennMedicine @PennNursing & @Wharton. [bit.ly/2lddHz0](https://bit.ly/2lddHz0)



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## 5. Congreso has all kinds of new executive leadership.

The health agency, which serves Philadelphia's Latinx population, recently made two big appointments: **Carolina Cabrera DiGiorgio** has taken over now-DHS Commissioner **Cynthia Figueroa's** (<http://generocity.org/philly/2016/08/09/moving-congreso-president-ceo-cynthia-figueroa/>) old position as president and CEO (<http://www.congreso.net/media-center/press-releases/4373/>), and **Esperanza Martinez Neu** is taking Cabrera DiGiorgio's old position as board chair (<http://www.congreso.net/media-center/press-releases/congreso-board-selects-new-chair/>).

Cabrera DiGiorgio served as board president for two years and as a general board member for five years previously. She leaves a job as director of commerce for Montgomery County. Martinez Neu has served on the board for nine years.



Carolina Cabrera DiGiorgio. (Photo via twitter.com/ilovensnp)

## 6. Lutheran Settlement House has a new board president.

The Fishtown social services nonprofit announced a handful of new appointments last month: Kara Finck is LSH's new board president; she has been a member of the board for four years. Shannon Healy is its new shelter director; she previously served in various positions at Women Against Abuse. Jessica Collazo is a new family advocate.

## 7. Justin Trezza is leaving Norris Square Neighborhood Project.

The executive director is leaving the Kensington community organization in June, Trezza announced recently. He previously served as program director of agroecology nonprofit Sustainable Harvest International (<http://www.sustainableharvest.org/>).

NSNP is currently searching for its new head; find out more here.

**Norris Square NP**  
@ilovensnp

Please take a moment to read a letter from our Executive Director, Justin Trezza. [buff.ly/2neNdu9](http://buff.ly/2neNdu9)

**Norris Square Neighborhood Project**

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## 8. Home of the Sparrow has a new head.

The Chester County homelessness service agency (<http://homeofthesparrow.org/>) hired Michelle Venema as its new CEO at the start of the year. Venema previously worked in management positions in the banking and finance world and has served on the boards of United Way of Chester County, Chester County Chamber of Business and Industry and West Chester Rotary Club.

**Home of the Sparrow**  
@HomeofSparrowPA

Meet our new Chief Executive Officer, Michelle E. Venema



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## 9. Katie Monroe is heading to Boston for grad school.

The Women Bike PHL founder (<http://generocity.org/philly/2016/06/20/moving-on-bicycle-coalition-greater-philadelphia-katie-monroe/>) will attend the Harvard Kennedy School this fall for her master's in public policy. Monroe has been working since the fall as both an ombudsman volunteer coordinator at Center for Advocacy for the Rights and Interests of the Elderly and as a business services and events specialist at Fairmount CDC.

## 10. Anna Shipp is Sustainable Business Network's new executive director.

Shipp was previously SBN's interim director since January (<http://generocity.org/philly/2016/12/05/tis-the-season-leadership-moves/>). She's been with SBN for the past four years, previously serving as manager of the organization's Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) Partners, a program that exists to maximize the environmental, social, and economic impact of the city's Green City, Clean Waters plan to reduce stormwater pollution.

*P.S. Generocity's INTER/VIEW (<http://generocity.org/project/interview/>) jobs and engagement fair is returning on May 23. Check out more details here (<http://generocity.org/philly/2017/04/06/interview-jobs-volunteering-fair-return/>).*

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