

MARBIDCO STAFF BIOGRAPHIES

Stephen R. McHenry MARBIDCO Executive Director

Stephen McHenry has served as MARBIDCO's Executive Director since December 2006. Prior to this he served as Executive Director of the Rural Maryland Council for nine years and Director of Government Affairs for the Maryland Municipal League for the preceding 12 years. The majority of Steve's career has been devoted in one way or another to serving the rural citizens of Maryland by helping to improve their community infrastructure, expand their economic opportunity, and sustain a vital rural heritage for the benefit of future generations.

As MARBIDCO's Executive Director, Steve has overall management responsibility for the staff, budget, and day-to-day operations. Steve supports MARBIDCO's Board of Directors, providing strategic visioning and implementation of policy while reporting on the performance of the organization. He develops and maintains relationships with key stakeholders, such as federal and State agencies, commercial banking institutions, farm and rural industry groups, agricultural land preservation organizations, and regional and local economic development agencies. Steve also develops relationships with other providers of capital and credit, advises rural business owners on financing options, and ensures that MARBIDCO's financing programs are meeting established credit underwriting and programmatic objectives.

Steve is a founding member and past chair of the Microenterprise Council of Maryland and Partners for Rural America. He serves on the Boards of the LEAD Maryland Foundation and the Maryland Forests Association, and was selected in 2010 to serve a four-year term on the Administrative Council of the Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program. Steve also recently served as chair of the Maryland Working Waterfront Commission and as a member of the Governor's Intergovernmental Commission for Agriculture. In the past, Steve has served on the Maryland Rural Broadband Coordination Board and served as chair for both the Maryland Small Communities Wastewater Intergovernmental Technical Assistance Commission and the Maryland Agricultural Education and Rural Development Assistance Fund Board. He also served on the advisory boards of the Maryland Rural Enterprise Development Center (UME), Institute for Governmental Service (UMCP), and the Northeast Regional Center for Rural Development.

Steve earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Science (Political Science) from St. Mary's College of Maryland and a Master of General Administration degree from the University of Maryland's Graduate School of Management and Technology. He is a member of several trade and professional organizations including the Maryland Farm Bureau and the Maryland Economic Development Association. Steve was a member of the 2000 Class of LEAD Maryland and the 2002 Class of Leadership Maryland. A lifelong Maryland resident, Steve and his wife reside in Anne Arundel County with their three daughters.

Linda Arnold
MARBIDCO Financial Programs Specialist

Linda Arnold joined MARBIDCO as the Financial Programs Specialist in October 2011. Prior to this, Linda worked for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Utilities Service for 17 years as a senior loan specialist supporting the telecommunications program. Linda assists the MARBIDCO's Financial Programs Office in administering loan and grant programs, with a special focus on the specialty lending programs. Her responsibilities include facilitating the loan and grant application process and monitoring active grants and loans to ensure that contracts are being serviced properly. Linda earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance from the University of Maryland, College Park. She grew up on a poultry farm in Wicomico County, Maryland, and now resides in Anne Arundel County with her husband and three children.

Kristen Robinson
MARBIDCO Financial Programs Officer

Kristen Robinson joined MARBIDCO as the Financial Programs Officer in June 2008. Prior to this, Kristen served as a Senior Securities Analyst for Wells Fargo Corporate Trust Services, specializing in the secondary securities market. She also supported CCO Mortgage Company, specializing in large project loans. Kristen has extensive experience in administering loans of every type and size, from commercial to residential. Her knowledge of all aspects of loan administration, from credit underwriting to loan closing, have enabled her to help successfully execute MARBIDCO's loan and grant programs. She provides staff support to the MARBIDCO Loan Review Committee and counsels rural business owners on public sector financing program opportunities. Kristen earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Applied Mathematics from St. John's University and holds a Master of Science degree from Long Island University - CW Post. Originally from Queens, New York, Kristen resides in Anne Arundel County, Maryland with her husband.

Christina Wilkins
MARBIDCO Bookkeeper

Christina Wilkins joined MARBIDCO as the Bookkeeper in June 2008, at which time she also served as the Loan Processing Assistant. Prior to this, Tina was the Officer Manager for Basil-Voges Insurance for over 10 years, where she expanded her role from general office management into bookkeeping. Tina is responsible for administering MARBIDCO's bookkeeping, loan processing, and other support functions, ensuring all office financial records are timely and accurate. She facilitates all financial audits, and assists with various special projects. Tina's prior experience streamlining office processes and procedures has enabled her to implement effective office and bookkeeping procedures for MARBIDCO. Tina earned an Associate of Science Degree in Financial Accounting from Anne Arundel Community College in Maryland. A lifelong Maryland resident, Tina resides in Anne Arundel County with her husband and two children.

