

**Chairman: Dr. Arcindo B. Santos**

After working as an engineer for the California Public Utilities Commission in 1983, Arcindo received his PhD in Mechanical and Environmental Engineering in 1988 from the University of California at Santa Barbara. He went on to become Assistant Professor at the Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm, Sweden, until 1993. Besides teaching and publishing he was a leader in the areas of R&D in waste incineration, energy production from renewable fuels and pollution control. During part of that period he also worked as Technical Director of the Center of Biomass for Energy in Coimbra, Portugal, serving as a liaison for public-private bioenergy projects between Portugal and other European countries. Since 1993 he has worked at the Inter-American Development Bank in Washington, DC as an environmental protection specialist and as task manager for urban and municipal development projects in Latin America and the Caribbean. He has served the Portuguese-American community during his tenure at PALCUS as one of the organization's original board members. Arcindo became a citizen of the United States in 1991. Arcindo was born in Portugal in May, 1958, becoming a US citizen in 1991; he speaks English, Portuguese, Spanish, French and Swedish; he is married and has two sons; he is also a songwriter and occasional performer and likes to serve the public-good and promote socioeconomic development.