

Emeriti Board



Verne Powell

Verne is the former Executive Vice President of Shaw's and Star Market. His 35-year career in the food industry began in 1966 following his graduation from Northeastern University and a four-year assignment as a US Army Signal Corp officer. He held positions in operations, marketing, procurement, development and acquisitions. He also held numerous industry leadership positions with the Mass Food Assoc., New England Food Foundation and Food Marketing Institute.

Verne's first involvement with the GBFB was in 1982 when Shaws opened the first reclamation center in N.E. and distributed the first truck load to the original Amory St facility. Over the next 20 years he served on various food industry committees for the GBFB to include chairing the industry capital campaign for the Atkinson St facility.

When he retired in 2001, he joined The Greater Boston Food Bank's Board of Directors. For the next 12 years he served on the Strategic Planning, Governance, Executive as Vice Chair and the South Bay Design and Capital Campaign Committees.