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Nominating Committee Report



**President:
2016-2019:
Barbara
Crowley, M.D.
Manchester,
ME**

*Barbara
Crowley first
came to Ferry
Beach in 1985
during the
Connecticut
Valley District of*

UU Churches' Family week. For the last ten years she has been an avid fan of Quilting by the Bay, and has found the Beach to be a place of rest, reflection and creative change. She is proud to be a sustaining member of Ferry Beach. Barbara is pleased to be asked to serve on the Board and continue the work of enlivening and actualizing our UU principles at the Beach and in the world.

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Membership Has Its Privileges

When you sign up to come to Ferry Beach, you become a member. As a not for profit organization, our membership is involved in the overall governance of Ferry Beach. Members vote on the board slate at the Annual Meeting.

Our 80th Annual Meeting is June 12th, 1pm, in Rowland Hall on the campus in Saco, Maine. Many members come up in the morning to Ferry Beach in time for our Town Hall meeting at 11am in the Ziegler Room. During the Town Hall, you will hear information about how our year has gone and engage in discussion about ways we can continue to strive for our mission, vision and values. It is also a great opportunity to ask your questions about governance, finances, facilities and fundraising.

Lunch is provided for all members who are coming to Ferry Beach for

the Annual Meeting. If you would like to stay over, there is a \$25 charge which **covers breakfast the next morning** and the cleaning of rooms.

As with other not for profits, Ferry Beach is governed by a board of directors which is elected by the members. The Nominating Committee report is sent 30 days before the Annual Meeting to all members. At this Annual Meeting, we will also have a few by-law changes recommended by the By-laws Committee (see inset box).

If you have never come to an Annual Meeting of Ferry Beach, please consider joining us this year!

The Giving Tree is a new popular way to give back!
Check out how to get involved [online](#)

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Having worked as a pediatrician most of her working life, Barbara is Executive Vice President at Maine General Health. She still lives in Maine - in a small town, Manchester, right next to the capitol of Augusta.



**Vice President:
2016-19
Marty Burgess
Kennebunk, ME**

Marty Burgess has been a Ferry Beach member since the late 80's. He first arrived in the Grove with his

partner Christine and their combined blended family of teens, Tyler, Trevor and Katie. Their blended family has been active in the Family and Friends week ever since. The grandchildren have joined them for Family and Friends as they continue to embrace Grove camping, ocean waters and Ferry Beach life.

For the past 12 years, Marty has enjoyed leading Fog Dog Pods in discovering the joys of ocean kayaking. Marty is a small business owner of Violence No More. He works with the court system and many individuals to bring peace to interpersonal relationships.



**Treasurer: 2015-2018
Carolyn Hodges
Arlington, MA**

Carolyn Hodges has been enjoying Ferry Beach with her family for about fifteen years. She is a member of First Parish in Arlington, MA, which holds an annual retreat at the Beach each October. Carolyn has attended Quilting by the Bay each August since its inception in 2001. Both she and her daughter, Jean Coletta, are life members. Carolyn resides in Cambridge, MA with her

husband John and they are twenty one -year members of First Parish Arlington. She has served her church in many ways, most recently as chair of the annual stewardship drive (2009-2011) as well as serving as a lay minister for several years. She sings in the choir and is a member of a small women's a cappella ensemble "The UU-lations." Carolyn is an avid cyclist.

Professionally, Carolyn is the Executive Director for Risk Management at JP Morgan Chase. She is an experienced financial professional and holds an MS in Accountancy, an MBA in Finance and a BA in Economics/ Political Science.



**Secretary 2015-2018 (finishing out
previous Secretary term)
Ron Willett
Lowell, MA**

Ron grew up in central Texas and moved to Washington, DC as a young man after law school. He says the general practice of law and life as a gay man in a homophobic culture were two things that did not suit him. Ron held various positions in the US Dept. of Labor during his 3- year career in the Federal government in DC. He retired in 2010 and moved to Lowell, MA where he now lives with his spouse, Bill. Ron and Bill are both Ferry Beach Life Members and active participants in GAYLA.

Ron has been an active UU since 2002, is a facilitator/teacher of Sacred Circle Dance (which he learned about at FB), and has been active in 12-step recovery for 25 years. He was among the founders of the Triangle Club in Washington, a non-profit meeting space for Gay/Lesbian groups of 12-step fellowships, and served on the Club's initial Board of Directors for a few years, acting as Secretary during part of that time. Ron has also served on the Board of the Dept. of Labor Fitness Assn., including time as Secretary, and on the Session (governing body) of a Presbyterian church in Washington.

Ron believes this is an exciting time to be part of the Ferry Beach family, and is looking forward to being part of the efforts to make Ferry Beach work even better for even more visitors.



**Open Board Positions:
2016-2019**

**Steve Fogg
Wellesley, MA**

Steve is nearly a life long UU and has been a Ferry Beacher since the mid-1980s when the family would camp in the Grove for a week each summer. His wife, Carolee Anderson, has been a Ferry Beacher her entire life and it was thanks to her that he became acquainted with Ferry Beach. Their children Tyler and Emma grew up in the children and youth camps. Steve has been on staff of Different Drummers and FUUTURE youth camps, and has served as co-coordinator as well.

Steve has been an active member of the UU Society of Wellesley Hills, MA for over 20 years, and has also served on a variety of committees. Professionally, Steve is a registered professional engineer in Massachusetts and has been the Town Engineer in Weston, MA for 12 years.

His interest in serving on the Ferry Beach Board of Directors is to be able to give back to the place that has provided so much growth and support for his family over the years.

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**Cyd Melcher
Wilbraham, MA**

Cyd Melcher is a life long Unitarian Universalist. She served one term as Secretary of the Connecticut Valley District board.

While working as Director of Religious Education at St. Paul's

Unitarian Universalist Church in Palmer she first came to Ferry Beach for RE Week in 1997. Since then she has also participated in Clara Barton District Week (now UUFAP) including serving as Co-coordinator one year, Homecoming, and Work Week. Her professional life has been devoted to college and non-profit administration and she currently serves as Executive Director of the World Affairs Council of Western Massachusetts in Springfield. She is married to Dave Basler, also a former coordinator of CBD Week. She has two stepdaughters, Erin, who was on the Ferry Beach crew in 2005, and Caitlin; and one daughter, Meredith.



**Caitlin Peale-Sloan
Cambridge, MA**

Caitlin Peale Sloan is an environmental lawyer specializing in energy, climate, and water with Conservation Law Foundation in Boston. Caitlin is an almost-lifelong Ferry Beacher, first attending RE Week as a child before finding a home with Family & Friends at age

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Nominating Committee

**Paul Provencher
Hampden, MA**



After serving the last 6 years as the board president, Paul Provencher has the insider's track to understanding the needs of governance for our organization. He is interested in using his experiences to help build a succession planning system for Ferry Beach leadership.

Paul is a long-time Ferry Beach member having attended Work Week I & II; Connecticut Valley District, then Clara Barton District Conferences, Yoga, Photography, Kayaking and Vacationing. Paul is a member of the Springfield, MA UU congregation; has served on their Board and served as the Treasurer of the Connecticut Valley District for seven years up to the district merger with the Clara Barton District. In his professional life he is a Financial Advisor operating his own practice, serving clients throughout New England. He is a small business owner and former executive director of several nonprofit organizations.

**Annual Meeting is June 12th at
1pm! Town Hall at 11am!**

Join us June 12th for a great meeting. Lunch will be complementary prior to the meeting. A town hall will be offered at 11am in the Ziegler Room. As we did with the Fall Harvest, we will offer rooms for \$25.

Please [email](#) or call 207-282-4489 to receive your discount and reserve your space!

**Quillen Office Reopening
Soon! June 11th 2016**



**Boston Pride Parade Saturday
June 11th at 12-3pm**



March with Ferry Beach for equality and to advocate, build and strengthen bonds of community. All conferences welcome to join and bring their banners!

For more information and to sign up click [here](#)

Slate of Nominations for 2016

Caitlyn Peale Sloan, nominated to an open board position for a 3 year term,

Cynthia Melcher, nominated to a board position for a 3 year term,

Steve Fogg, nominated to a board position for a 3 year term

Barbara Crowley, nominated to position of Board President for a 3 year term,

Marty Burgess, nominated to a position of Board Vice President for a 3 year term,

Ronald Willett, nominated to complete vacated Board Secretary term ending in 2018

Marty Burgess, nominated to a position of Board Clerk for a 3 year term (must be a Maine Resident),

Paul Provencher, nominated to a position on the Nominating Committee for a 3 year term.



Bylaws Changes-All proposed changes are in *italics*

Proposed amendments to ARTICLE VIII: Meetings

Addition allows for voting in absentia via electronic or mailed ballots

Section 4 – Elections

At the Annual Meeting the FBPA members in good standing shall elect Officers and Directors to fill vacancies on the Board. *The Board of Directors may authorize procedures to enable the timely submission of ballots electronically or by postal mail.*

Section 5 - Special Meetings

A. A special meeting of the FBPA may be called at the discretion of the Board of Directors, and must be called on written request of five (5) percent of the members in good standing as of December 31st of the prior year. A Special Meeting may be held at any convenient time and place, provided that notice thereof has been issued to all members thirty (30) days before the time of the meeting pursuant to notice procedures approved by the Board of Directors.

B. *Any Special Meeting called pursuant to this Section shall be subject to the quorum requirement of Article IX.*

Proposed amendments to ARTICLE IX: QUORUM

Addition to allow for in absentia participation when constituting a quorum

Section 1

Five (5) percent of FBPA members in good standing as of December 31st of the prior year will constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any Annual or Special Meeting. *The Board of Directors may authorize procedures for in absentia participation in an Annual Meeting for purposes of the Quorum requirement.*

Section 2

In the case of a Special Meeting called by petition, at least five (5) percent of the petitioners will be present. In absentia participation will not be authorized.

Proposed amendments to ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Addition to allow the Clerk to disseminate reports electronically

Section 7 – Responsibilities of the Clerk

The Clerk will record the minutes of all meetings of the Corporation and give notice of such meetings. *The Clerk will receive from the Nominating Committee its report of nominees as described in Article IV, Section 9 and cause the report to be distributed to the membership electronically and/or by other means.* For the Annual Meeting, the Clerk will prepare a ballot of the names of said nominees for election at the Annual Meeting. Only nominees appearing on such ballot will be eligible for election at the Annual Meeting. Nothing stated in this or any other bylaw will be construed to permit nominations by members in attendance at an Annual Meeting of any person not appearing on such ballot for the stated office.

Beach Keepers!

What is a Beach Keeper? A Beach Keeper is more than just a volunteer! A Beach Keeper is someone who is willing to invest their time, talent and treasure to sustaining Ferry Beach Park Association.

What do you have to do to become a Beach Keeper?

- ★ Complete application form and assessment
- ★ Take 2 hour initial training about Ferry Beach (history, legacy, mission, etc.)
- ★ Choose a "speciality"
- ★ Give 12 hours of service annually at the beach or remotely
- ★ Are members of Ferry Beach and give at least \$180 annually or as a sustaining donor at \$15/month, or as a one time gift. (Youth ages 12-18 can be Beach Keepers without being a sustaining donor.)

What are the benefits of being a Ferry Beach Keeper?

- ★ Become a part of the caring community of people who love Ferry Beach
- ★ Learn new skills! (marketing, repair, office management, public speaking and more!)
- ★ Recognition at the Fall Harvest and Annual Meeting
- ★ The satisfaction of knowing that you contributed to the sustainability of Ferry Beach

Beach Keeper Events!

Work and Play week occurs on June 11-17. If you are interested in either helping us put away all of the Ecology school beds and clean rooms in the dorms on the 10th or the 11th. We will have room in the dorms for staying over on the 10th. [Contact Steve](#)

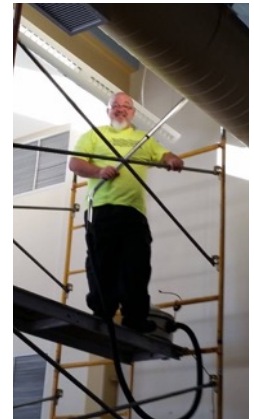
May 14 and 21: Rowland Hall deck outside of the old art room, bringing out the benches and other large items in the Grove and possibly a paint project. If you can wield a screw gun, are happy to help us move things around or like to paint and enjoy seeing tangible results of your work, we are happy to have your help. We will NOT have a place in the dorms to stay, but there will be room in the campground if you would like to camp. [Contact Steve](#)

More Summer Options:

- ★ **Registration Office:** Make at least a 2-hour commitment for the week (it could be done in 1 hour increments) answering the phone and staffing the office. [Contact Sally](#)
- ★ **The Store:** Can you scoop ice cream? Handle cash register? Would provide at least 1 hour at a time during the week. [Contact Glen](#)
- ★ **Outdoors/Housekeeping:** Sweep walkways to all buildings and the boardwalk at least once a day and other odd jobs. [Contact Steve](#)
- ★ **Hospitality:** Help with evening hospitality set up 5-6pm each evening and guard/watch for seagulls who want to eat the snacks. [Contact Glen](#)

Events we will need BIG HELP:

- ★ **Labor Day:** Saturday of BBQ to set up stage, grills, and games. 4-8pm. [Contact Cathy or Heather](#)
- ★ **Fall Harvest- 12X12 Art Auction:** Committee to help with planning, marketing, and soliciting art. Help also setting up the weekend of the event November 12th. [Contact Cathy or Heather](#)





Reiki Retreat happened April 16th!

The group learned the basics of Reiki and became attuned to this wonderful energy. The students will now be able to do Reiki on themselves, friends, family, plants and animals.

Please consider becoming a sustaining member of Ferry Beach! On the website at www.ferrybeach.org or contact us at 207-282-4489 for details.

Summer 2016 conference registration is open!

Visit www.ferrybeach.org for more information and to register.

(Call 207.282.4489 to register.)

JUNE

- Boston Pride Parade: March with Ferry Beach
- Work & Play Week
- Profound Treasury: Buddhist Conference
- Youth Camps: Kids for the Earth, Different Drummers, & FUUTURE
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- Saturday June 11
- Saturday June 11- Friday June 17
- Friday June 17- Sunday June 26
- Sunday June 26- Saturday July 2
- Saturday July 2- Saturday July 9

JULY

- Religious Education Week–Friends Gathering on the Sand
- Believing Out Loud
- GAYLA XXXVIII
- Choral Fest
- Getaway Weekend
- EcoSpirit Family Week
- Kayaking/Paddle board
- Yoga
- Family and Friends

- Saturday July 9- Friday July 15
- Friday July 15- Saturday July 16
- Saturday July 16- Saturday July 23
- Saturday July 16- Friday July 22
- Saturday July 23- Monday July 25
- Saturday July 23- Saturday July 30
- Saturday July 23- Saturday July 30
- Saturday July 23- Saturday July 30
- Saturday July 30- Saturday Aug 6

AUGUST

- Unitarian Universalist Fellowship & Fun (UUF&F)
- Photography
- Power of Words
- Creatively Aging with Grace
- CONCERT! Emma's Revolution & Kim & Reggie Harris
- Circle of Music
- Motivational Interviewing
- Healing Arts: 1 or all 3 Workshops (See website)
- Sustainable Practices at Home
- Quilting by the Bay
- 12-Step Intensive
- Women's Healing Retreat

- Saturday August 6- Saturday August 13
- Saturday August 6- Friday August 12
- Thursday August 11- Sunday August 14
- Sunday August 14- Saturday August 20
- Saturday August 20
- Sunday August 14- Sunday August 21
- Monday August 15- Friday August 19
- Sunday August 21- Saturday August 27
- Friday August 26 - Monday August 28
- Saturday August 27- Friday September 2
- Saturday August 27- Friday September 2
- Sunday August 28 - Thursday Sept 1

SEPTEMBER

- Labor Day Weekend

- Friday September 2- Monday September 5