

# Nominating Committee Report

*Kathleen Dziadzio, Nominating Committee Chair*

March 30, 2022

The Nominating Committee has determined the following: four members have terms which end at the Annual Meeting in June 2022. They are Marty Burgess (served 1 three year term as president); Caitlin Peale Sloan (served 1 three-year term as vice president); Kathleen Dziadzio (served as Nominating Committee Chair); and Richard Plumb (served one 3- year term as member).

Caitlin Peale Sloan has decided not to continue as Vice President at this time and Kathleen Dziadzio needs to step away from the board as well. Kristal Kallenberg, whose term expires in 2024 has resigned.

The Nominating Committee puts forth in Nomination for vice president of the board, Ron Willett; Doug Edwards for secretary and nominates Phil Kinsler and Christine Krom as new members. The nominating committee also recommends renewing Marty Burgess as President and Richard Plumb to the Board.

## **Marty Burgess, President**

Marty Burgess is a retired small business owner of Violence No More in Biddeford, Maine. He has been a member of Ferry Beach since the 1990's when he and his partner Christine and their combined family of teens: Trevor, Tyler and Katie first started camping in the Grove. He and his family are mainstays of the Family and Friends conference.

Marty is active in the Domestic Violence Network in Maine and an active member of his communities in both Biddeford, where he works, and Kennebunk where he lives.

Marty leads kayaking and paddling workshops at Ferry Beach and was instrumental in starting the Fog Dogs of Ferry Beach, a paddling club. He loves all sports and in the winter time when he can't be on the water or on his bicycle, he is skating or cross country skiing.

## **Ron Willett, Vice President**

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 U.S. Department of Labor during his 30-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 is a facilitator/teacher of Sacred Circle Dance (which he learned about at Ferry Beach), and has been active in 12-step recovery for 25 years. He was among the founders of the Triangle Club in Washington DC, 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 Department of Labor Fitness Association, including time as Secretary, and on the Session (governing body) of a Presbyterian church in Washington DC.

## **Doug Edwards, Secretary**

Doug is a current member of the board who lives in Saco. Doug has lived in Maine since 2007 after living in Southern Connecticut for 23 years. He attended Nason College in Springvale, Maine from 1979 to 1983. Previous to that, he grew up in Central New Jersey.

Doug currently works for a Maine Biotech company in the Human Resources Technology department. He and his wife have been Saco residents since December 2016. They attended a Valentine's Day dinner at Ferry Beach and found they really enjoyed the community.

Doug has also been newly appointed as an Advisory Board Member to the City of Saco Parks and Recreation.

## **Christine Krom, board member 2022-2025**

Christine has been a member of the UU Church in Marblehead, MA (UUCM) for almost 30 years. During her first year there in 1992, she took the Cakes for the Queen of Heaven course. This experience introduced her to a wonderful

group of women and set her on a discovery and an exploration of women's spirituality. The next step led her to Ferry Beach where she spent a delightful summer week (1993) with Rev. Shirley Ranck, who led a workshop on her new course, Rise Up and Call Her Name. In the summer of 1994, Christine attended the Women's Pagan Circle. Two of the women she met there are still coming to Women's Week every summer and are her good friends. Ferry Beach has become her spiritual home, which she visits nearly every summer.

She would be a good addition because she is very committed to Ferry Beach. She describes herself as "a creative thinker and good with people". Professionally she was a high school teacher for 25 years, and a psychotherapist for 12 years until she retired in 2013. She has led a small ministry group at the UUCM for nearly 20 years. Additionally, with the UUCM, Christine has been a member of the worship committee, the committee on ministry, the board of trustees, and the choir.

### **Phil Kinsler, board member 2022-2025**

Phil Kinsler and family first attended Ferry Beach in the mid 1980's when his children were very small. They have continued to attend for more than 30 years, now bringing their three grandsons (ages 8, 11, and 18) to the beach. Ferry Beach helped him personally attain the confidence to write and publish professionally and also to write poetry for self and family. It has been a bedrock to his personal growth, and to the development of his children and grandchildren. He views it as an invaluable resource. Phil has taken some leadership and financial contribution positions along the way including 3 years as Adult Coordinator of the Family and Friends Conference, a life member, an early sustaining donor, and a contributor to the campaign for DeWolfe. He is proud to say his younger daughter Rebecca followed in his footsteps and was the adult and chief coordinator for the Family and Friends conference through the pandemic years.

In addition to his personal commitment, Phil hopes to bring some skills and expertise to the Board. He is a retired clinical and forensic psychologist and professor at Dartmouth Medical school. He's been President and Chair of professional organizations and committees. He has done the committee work, managed a budget, raised funds, set organizational goals. Phil has a lot of experience with boards and would like to further contribute to the work of Ferry Beach as a member of the Board of a place he loves.

### **Richard Plumb, second term board member 2022-2025**

Richard and his wife Janet are Lifetime Members of Ferry Beach. They first met at Ferry Beach's Family & Friends conference, and are members of Murray UU Church in Attleboro, MA. Their children and grandchildren attend the Family and Friends conference each year. At Family and Friends he co-led children's groups and was active in the Family and Friends Writer's Group for over 10 years.

As a UU Richard taught religious education, served on numerous committees, conducted summer services and was a former President of his first UU church.

Richard has been involved in personal growth via support groups including Codependents Anonymous and retreats for gay and straight men like the Massachusetts Men's Gathering. He and Janet have both studied A Course In Miracles, co-led a weekly ACIM meeting and currently organize an ACIM retreat. They also attend a weekly Mindfulness group.

Richard has an extensive business background in sales, management and manufacturing. His negotiating, writing and presentation skills will add to the strength of the Ferry Beach Board. Richard believes his cooperative style of working with others towards consensus in decision-making will support moving forward with the mission and vision of Ferry Beach into the future.

For the Nominating Committee positions open, we nominate: Phil Kinsler, Board Liaison; Ruth Rempt; Ken Andersen; Kate Baldwin; Erin Kelley; Maura Morse

Respectfully Submitted:

Kathleen Dziadzio, Chair  
Nominating Committee