

Nominating Committee Report to the Board March 29, 2021

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March 18, 2020

From Nominating Committee Chair, Claudia Sienko

To the Board of Directors of Ferry Beach.

The Nominating Committee has determined the following: three members have terms which end at the Annual Meeting in May 2020. They are Jessie Washington (served 1 three-year term) Cyd Melcher (served the remainder of a term and has had a long history on the board) and Ron Willet (served 1 three-year term as Secretary). Our by-laws state that we allow two, 3-year terms by election as a director or two-3-year terms as an officer.

The Nominating Committee does not need to put forth three of the four-officer positions as they are within their three-year term. We put forth in Nomination for the Secretary of the Board of Directors:

Ron Willet, Secretary

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 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 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.

Pamela Emery (Pam), a resident of Old Orchard Beach, Maine where she and her husband have built their retirement home. She has spent the last 3 summers at Ferry Beach with her grandchildren. She has been a member of a number of UU churches most recently at the Unitarian Church of Barnstable MA. She loves coming to Ferry Beach, is enthusiastic and wants to participate in the future of Ferry Beach. She also knows a lot of local people and is willing to connect them to Ferry Beach.

We nominate the following candidates for director positions on the board:

Meghan Chan

Meghan Chan works in technology managing software development and project implementations. She has been attending The Family & Friends week since she was 5 and stepped into leading children's workshops and as a program coordinator in her early 20s.

Meghan graduated from Cornell University in 1998 and received her MBA from Babson College in 2004. She has 2 young daughters who are lifelong Ferry Beachers and hopes we can help the Beach continue to be a spiritual retreat that they can join through their lives.

Alan Shepard

Alan Shepard *has been a resident of Maine for most of his life, but recently moved to Camp Ellis three years ago. He is a real estate attorney with a practice in Kennebunk for over 35 years. He has been on many Boards in the area, and is currently on the board for the Ogunquit Museum of American Art. He is also a member of the Town of Saco river committee. He loves to fly fish and Kayak which brought him to the Saco river.*

Respectfully Submitted:

*Claudia Sienko, Chair
Nominating Committee*

As of today (3/29/2021), all the above-mentioned individuals have been actively participating in FBPA and would like to continue in the capacities listed above.

Present board members up for renewal in 2021 are **Deanna Wilbur** for her second term on the board and **Doug Atkins** for his second term as Treasurer.

Deanna Wilbur is nominated for her second term on the board. Dee was born and raised in Bangor, ME. She first attended Ferry Beach as a Different Drummers camper, and shortly thereafter began attending Family and Friends week with her family. She has held several leadership roles in the conference, and has been on Ferry Beach's Board of Directors since 2018. Dee currently lives in Bangor, and works for a progressive new internet service provider called Starry. She is their Knowledge & Content Manager.

Doug Atkins has agreed to continue as treasurer. Doug Atkins retired from a career, which spanned forty years at Colby-Sawyer College, a comprehensive liberal arts and sciences college in New London, N.H. At the time of his retirement, Doug served as Senior Vice President and Treasurer, having held numerous roles at the College during his tenure.

Doug has also been employed as the business manager and assistant treasurer for Historic

Deerfield (Mass.), and as the business and employment manager and assistant general manager for King Ridge, Inc., a ski resort formerly located in Central New Hampshire.

For many years, Doug has been involved in his community in the New London-Lake Sunapee area of New Hampshire. He has served as a selectman in New London, and as president of the New London Historical Society, in addition to having served as treasurer for St. Andrew's Church and Tracy Memorial Library. In recognition of his involvement in the community, he was awarded the Town-Gown Award by Colby-Sawyer College. Currently, he serves as treasurer of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Manchester, NH.

Doug first came to Ferry Beach in 2012 to attend GAYLA. In 2015 and 2016, he was one of the Coordinators for GAYLA. He lives in North Sutton, N.H., and has two grown children, Bryan and Suzanne. Doug enjoys spending as much time as he can with his partner, Paul Belyea, of Dunbarton, NH.

New nominations for FBPA Board of Directors are **Kristal Kallenberg** and **Doug Edwards**. Here are brief bios on both of these individuals.

Kristal Kallenberg lives in West Hartford, CT with her 12-year-old daughter. She is a native New Yorker, born in The Bronx but mostly raised in Long Island. She returned to New York City as a young adult working odd jobs, finishing college and travelling the world. Finally, she returned to Long Island to go to Stony Brook University for graduate school.

Kristal possesses bachelor degrees in Creative Writing, Geology as well as a Masters in Marine and Atmospheric Science. Her professional employment is in the field of Coastal Management with the State of Connecticut.

Personally, Kristal is interested in the fine and performing arts, writing, social justice, good food and the natural world! She will be a wonderful addition to FBPA.

Doug Edwards has lived in Maine since 2007 after living in Southern Connecticut for 23 years. He attended Nasson College in Springvale, Maine from 1979 to 1983. Previous to that, he grew up in Central New Jersey.

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

Doug's expertise in the Human Resource field will be a welcomed and valuable addition to the board.

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

