

Notice to Members: NABS Director's Election 2017

Per our by-laws NABS holds a yearly election of our Board members. The election runs from June 15th to August 15th and ballots can be submitted during that time.

Who can vote? Members in good standing as of May 15th shall be eligible to vote in the Annual Election. (NABS by-laws Article XVII.4).

How to vote? Please locate the two self-addressed (not franked) post cards inserted in your summer (this) copy of *Bluebird*. If you have an individual membership you are entitled to one vote (mail in one ballot). If you have a "family" membership you are allowed to mail in both ballots. To be counted your ballot must be signed and dated.

The Director nominations closed on May 15th and the following slate was submitted by the Nominations chair and approved by the Board of Directors. To comply with NABS by-laws, the slate was posted on the NABS website (by June 15th) and printed in the summer issue of *Bluebird*.

Short biographies of the 5 candidates (alphabetical order) standing for a three year term and making up the Class of 2020 are included below:

Jim Burke is a co-founder and past president of the South Carolina Bluebird Society. He was the Chairman of the planning committee for NABS 2013 in Aiken, SC. Jim has been a NABS board member since 2012 he currently serves as the Second Vice President of Community Relations and as Chairman of the NABS Membership Committee.

Kevin Corwin is a retired computer scientist who lives in Centennial, a suburb of Denver, Colorado. He became involved with bluebirds in 2003 when he helped establish the Colorado Bluebird Project under the auspices of the Audubon Society of Greater Denver and made it a NABS affiliate. He also participates in monitoring a trail of 44 nestboxes about 30 miles south of Denver. He is a volunteer Naturalist at Roxborough State Park near Denver, a Senior Docent with the Raptor Education Foundation, a participant in the North American Breeding Bird Survey for the USGS, and he has several other volunteer activities to keep him busy. Kevin is a NABS Director.

Kathy Kremnitzer is a retired educator and has been a bluebird landlord for 30 years after her father built some nestboxes for her birthday. She currently monitors 80 boxes each week in Frederick and Washington Counties in Maryland, and is a part of the 4-person monitoring team for the Antietam National Battlefield bluebird trail's 100 nestboxes in Sharpsburg. She is the immediate past president of the Maryland Bluebird Society, of which she is a Life member, and serves as County Coordinator for Frederick County. Kathy has been a NABS board member since 2009 and has served as Secretary since 2011. She is as an administrator for both the NABS and Maryland Bluebird Society Facebook pages and responds to many requests for information and

assistance, especially during nesting season. Kathy lives in Knoxville, Maryland with her husband and loves to spend as much time as possible with her children and her three grandsons.

Sky Rector Schuyler Rector was born and raised in WI and for the last 50 years has resided with his wife Diana in Atlanta, GA. Over the years he has been actively involved in several neighborhood organizations whose purpose is to preserve and protect the community. His favorite pastimes are bridge, golf, gardening and woodworking. His fondness for bluebirds goes back about 15 years. He has built and installed over 200 Peterson nest boxes and monitors a bluebird trail of 20 nest boxes. He is life member of NABS, actively seeking new members and he builds nest boxes at cost for those willing to make a donation to NABS.

Del Straub is a resident of Gallatin Gateway, located in south central Montana and is a licensed bird bander and he is a member and Director of Mountain Bluebird Trails, a NABS affiliate and also a NABS Director. Del has managed a 90 nest box trail in Montana for nearly a decade. He specializes in organizational financial management of 501.c.3 tax exempt non-profits and is also involved in long-term citizen science projects in his area.

NABS by-laws are found at: www.nabluebirdsociety.org/Board/boardofdirectors.htm