

## **Notice to Members: NABS Director's Election 2019**

Per our by-laws NABS holds an annual election of our Board members. Our election runs from June 15 to August 15, 2019 and ballots can be submitted during that time.

Who can vote? Members in good standing as of May 15, 2019 shall be eligible to vote in the Annual Election. (NABS by-laws Article XVIII. 4).

How to vote? Please locate the two self-addressed (but not stamped) post cards inserted in your summer copy of *Bluebird*. For an individual membership you are entitled to one vote (mail in one ballot). For a "family" membership you are allowed to mail in both ballots. To be counted your ballot must be signed, dated, and postmarked before August 15, 2019.

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

Short biographies of the 3 candidates (in alphabetical order) for the NABS Board of Directors (Class of 2022), are included below:

**Darrell Ashworth** lives in West Virginia. Darrell has been around bluebirds most of his life thanks to family and relatives that had bluebird boxes in their yards. He works for the US subsidiary of a global electrical solutions company that is based in Paris. His free time over the past couple of decades has been spent hiking in 20 states, fly-fishing, winning Kentucky's Elk Hunt lottery, and helping his bluebirds to defend their box in his backyard. Some of his best birdwatching and life birds have come while standing knee-deep in a trout stream.

**Christine Boran** relishes retirement in a vintage farmhouse on pine acreage inside the Blue Ridge Highlands, Southwest Virginia. It was here she discovered the first sight of a bluebird pair feeding hatchlings at an existing weathered nest box. She installed a bluebird trail of 14 nest boxes in the community. Today, she monitors 50 nest boxes weekly, reporting records to the Virginia Bluebird Society and to Cornell NestWatch. She educates others on nest box management and maintains certification with the Virginia Master Naturalists. She enjoys macro photography, weather monitoring & reporting, birding by ear, and hummingbirds. She serves the VBS on the Board of Directors and as a County Coordinator and is on the NABS Speakers Bureau.

**Stan Fisher** lives in Boyds, Maryland and he monitors a trail at his home (Bluebird Hill Farm) as well as four other nearby trails. He is currently the president of the Maryland Bluebird Society. He actively assists others in his community on getting started with

bluebirding by serving as a local resource for speaking and trail monitoring. Stan is a Charter as well as a Life member of NABS. In addition to serving as a NABS director, Stan is also as a member of the Grants Committee and co-chairs the Nestbox Committee.

**Joe Siegrist** lives with his family in Erie, Pennsylvania and is President/CEO and directs research for the Purple Martin Conservation Association. Before focusing on martins, he has conducted avian research for the University of Illinois and the Illinois Natural History Survey studying Acadian Flycatchers, Northern Bobwhite, and Neotropical Migrants in general. In addition to conservation research, he has also worked as an educator teaching high school science, a zookeeper, a naturalist, and a stay-at-home parent. He has presented at both local and regional scientific conferences and frequently speaks at public events representing the Purple Martin Conservation Association. He is focused on engaging the younger generation and instilling in them an understanding of the need for conservation both aerial insectivores and cavity nesters.

NABS by-laws are found at: [www.nabluebirdsociety.org/Board/boardofdirectors.htm](http://www.nabluebirdsociety.org/Board/boardofdirectors.htm)