

Notice to Members: NABS Director's Election 2018

Per our by-laws NABS holds an annual election of our Board members. Our election runs from June 15 to August 15, 2018 and ballots can be submitted during that time.

Who can vote? Members in good standing as of May 15, 2018 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 Vicki Butler, NABS 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 6 candidates (alphabetical order) for the NABS Board, class of 2021, are included below:

Jane Brockway lives with her husband in Mineral County located on the western boarder of Montana. She started bluebirding in 1998 after purchasing a ranch complete with ponderosa pine and fine Western Bluebird habitat. Jane has continued her bluebird journey and she is a now master bander with Mountain Bluebird Trails (MBT), a NABS affiliate. She also weekly monitors an 80 nestbox trail that is spread over 20 miles. Jane also serves as the editor of the MBT's newsletter and also a Director the organization for over 10 years. Jane is an avid bluebird photographer also a NABS Director.

Bernie Daniel is a retired environmental research scientist who lives with his wife Marie in Symmes Township in southwestern Ohio. Bernie has been a member of NABS since about 2001, and has served NABS as a member of the Board, Editor, and President and is a life member, and past president of the Ohio Bluebird Society. He has been bluebirding (off and on!) since 1953 and currently maintains his own trail of 40 nest boxes along the Little Miami River in Ohio. He has published some 140 research peer-reviewed papers in environmental science and participates in the North American Breeding Bird Survey since 1999. He enjoys the study of bird song and "birding by ear".

Jim Engelbrecht is a semi-retired management accountant (CPA) who lives with his wife Wendy in Rouses Point, NY in the extreme northeast corner of the state. He started bluebirding after retiring from Wyeth Laboratories; monitoring boxes at a local golf course. He is a County Coordinator and Board Member of the New York State Bluebird

Society and he has served on the NABS Board since 2012 and as NABS Treasurer since 2014. Jim prepares the annual 990 report for NABS and mails the Bluebird Journal to our Canadian Members.

Allen Jackson is a resident of the State of New Jersey and is retired from the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. He is a co-founder and current President of the New Jersey Bluebird Society, a NABS affiliate. Allen has erected over 600 bluebird boxes on some 50 bluebird trails and he monitors his own 70 box trail. He has authored numerous articles on proper trail management for martins and bluebirds, with a special focus on House Sparrow control. He is a frequent speaker on nest box trail management and has received numerous awards including 2002 Purple Martin Landlord of the Year. Allen is a master bander for Purple Martins and Eastern Bluebirds and is a current NABS Director.

John Schuster lives with his wife, Katarina at their vineyard property in Cotati, California. A former employee of the California Department of Forestry, Ecology Corps, he served as a firefighter for both California and the U. S. Forest Service. John also works on many, and varied conservation projects throughout the state of California. In 2000, he established Wild Wings Company after personally witnessing the success that beneficial cavity-nesting birds had on reducing pestilence in his, and other vineyard operations in his area. He is a director and Lifetime member of NABS, serving on the Education and the Nestbox Committees.

Bet Zimmerman Smith worked in environmental protection for three decades. She now volunteers for several open space and conservation organizations. She maintains an educational website about small cavity-nester conservation at www.Sialis.org. Bet is also a regular contributor of articles to the NABS Journal, *Bluebird*, is a NABS director, and serves on the NABS Grants, Education, Nestbox and Website Committees. She and her husband Patrick manage about 100 nestboxes in Northeastern CT.

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