



## \*\*\* Important Notice \*\*\* NABS Election Day is August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013

In September 2009, NABS adopted triennial classes so that in future approximately one third of the Directors would have terms expiring in any given year. Adjustments to term length were made during the election in 2012 to fully integrate these classes and bring us into accordance with Article XII (2) of the Bylaws. At that same time, Bylaw amendments were adopted regarding annual meetings and voting procedures. Our election is now held annually on August 15<sup>th</sup>. For a copy of the current North American Bluebird Society, Inc. Bylaws adopted October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012 please look under the Board of Directors tab or go to

<http://www.nabluebirdsociety.org/Board/boardofdirectors.htm>.

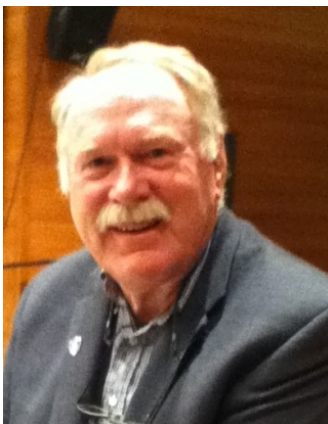
Nominations closed on May 15<sup>th</sup> and the slate was approved by the Board of Directors. This website posting keeps us in compliance with NABS Bylaws to have the election notice published by June 15<sup>th</sup> and the slate with ballot will be published in the Summer Journal, *Bluebird*, currently in production.

### The following seven people have been nominated for three year terms:



**Bob Benson** – currently Chair of the Nomination Committee, Nestbox Committee, and Hotline. Bob has served with NABS for 9 years. He resides in MA where he monitors several bluebird trails and works to educate children through school programs and adults through other local organizations.

**David Cook** – residing in CA, David has been a member of NABS since the late 1990s and presently has been on the Board for 1 year serving as Chair of the Speaker's Bureau. In previous years he served on NABS Boards and Chaired the Awards Committee. David not only monitors his own trails but works with corporations in his area to institute environmental programs by adding nestbox trails and training new monitors.



**Stan Fisher** – is a Charter and Life member of NABS residing in MD. Since helping NABS get up and running in 1978, Stan has remained dedicated to bluebirds by being a speaker, mentoring, educating – and monitoring his own trails while assisting with others. He has been a member of the Awards and Grants Committees for at least 4 years and is currently the Vice President of the Maryland Bluebird Society.



**Sherry Linn** – involved with Bluebirds since 1994, Sherry served as newsletter editor and on the Board of the Southern Interior Bluebird Trail Society as Secretary-Treasurer and President. (SIBTS is our NABS Affiliate in British Columbia, Canada) She is currently Past President and still very active with that organization. She has served on the NABS Board for 6 years Chairing Membership and for the past two years as President. Sherry manages a nestbox trail at her home, and participates in native cavity nesting bird species work in the Southern Okanagan.

**Linda Schamberger** - is an educator of 30 years residing in NY State. Since a pair of bluebirds successfully nested in her backyard several years ago, she has had an intense and insatiable interest in bluebirds, which extends into her classroom. Linda is an active member of the Speaker's Bureau and fields questions from the Hotline. Barely a year ago she took over our languishing Facebook page and has turned it into the "go to place" for bluebird information. She has raised our presence from under 200 followers to over 1800!



**Paul Sherd** - a native of Grand Rapids, MI, Paul began his adventures with the bluebirds when he purchased 40 acres of land in 2004 in the Upper Peninsula area. An avid woodworker, he began to build, install then design nestboxes and currently has several trails. Paul mentors youth in the community by getting them involved in building nestboxes and ensuring they have a good understanding of the proper care and commitment to a bluebird trail.

**Dan Sparks** – our hard working StoreFront Manager in IN, Dan is also actively involved in numerous committees: Finance, Website, Speaker's Bureau, and Facebook. He handles our phones and responds to queries directed through the website via our "info@" email address. Dan has served on the NABS Board for over 8 years and is always the first one to offer a hand. He also manages several very large nestbox trails.



## Who can vote?

**NABS Bylaw - Article XVII (4) states: Only members in good standing as of May 15<sup>th</sup> shall be eligible to vote in the Annual Election.**

A list of current members at May 15<sup>th</sup> has been pulled from the NABS database and will be used to establish eligibility. Kathy Kremnitzer, NABS Secretary, is not on the ballot and has agreed to act as Election Committee Chair overseeing the tabulation of the vote.

If you have any questions regarding your membership status (single or household) or need your NABS ID number, please contact Marion Ball, NABS Membership Database Manager, at [membership@nabluebirdsociety.org](mailto:membership@nabluebirdsociety.org)

General questions regarding the ballot may be directed to [info@nabluebirdsociety.org](mailto:info@nabluebirdsociety.org)

Two ballots will be inserted in the Summer Journal to accommodate Household memberships. Households share a single ID number and are allowed two ballots [NABS Bylaw Article XVII (2b)].

Mark only one box on your ballot, either:

(a) for all such nominees; **or**

(b) for all such nominees, except: \_\_\_\_\_

[you may write in names of those you do not wish to vote for]

Be sure to include your NABS ID number (found on your mailing label) then sign and date your ballot for it to be valid.

You may choose to place your ballot in an envelope for mailing but it must be mailed to the address on the ballot:

**Attention: K. Kremnitzer  
North American Bluebird Society  
19305 Deer Path  
Knoxville, MD 21758**

**NOTE: do not mail your ballot to the NABS P.O. Box in Indiana!**

This is your organization. Please participate in this important annual process.