

From your GSNH Nominating Committee

The following slate of candidates for the GSNH Board of Directors is offered for your consideration (as per the GSNH Constitution and By-laws). Current GSNH members may vote for said slate at the GSNH Fall 2011 Annual Dinner Meeting, on Thursday October 13, 2011, at Makris Lobster and Steak House in Concord.

President

Julie Spencer – Julie is a Senior Program Manager with AECOM Environment in Chelmsford, MA. She lives in Nashua, NH and is a long-time member of the GSNH. She has volunteered on the Nominating Committee through several elections, has served as the Communication Committee Chairperson, was the Website Coordinator from 2003 through 2007, served as President for the 2006-2007 term, then as Past President from 2007 through 2010. Julie is currently serving as President of GSNH and was elected in October 2010.

Society VP

Doug Allen - Doug is a Senior Hydrogeologist and Project Manager with Haley & Aldrich, Inc. in Manchester, specializing in environmental site investigations and remediation, application of GIS to environmental projects, engineering geology, and hydrogeological studies. He is a licensed PG in New Hampshire. Doug has played an active role in GSNH since joining in 2002, volunteering on the membership committee (maintaining the membership database, preparing member directories, and communicating event information to members) since 2004 and previously served on the Board of Directors as Secretary. Doug and his family live in Warner where he serves on the Town's Conservation Commission. Doug appreciates the professional fellowship that GSNH brings to the geological community of New Hampshire and looks forward to ongoing active participation.

Council VP

Bill Abrahams-Dematte - Bill is a Project Hydrogeologist/Scientist for AECOM Environment in Wakefield, MA., where he has worked for the last 10 years. Prior to AECOM, Bill has worked for Continental Placer, Inc. in Laconia, NH, as a private consultant in Williston, VT, and for the Vermont Association of Conservation Districts, Montpelier, VT. Bill specializes in environmental site investigations, site characterization and remediation, hydrogeological studies, data management, and occasionally geotechnical work. He also employs GIS and ACAD to his environmental projects. Bill has been a member of the GSNH for the last 9 years and Council VP for the last 1-1/2 years; a member of the GSA, NGWA, and AIPG societies; and a licensed PG (NH #575). Bill lives in Wilton, NH and appreciates the GSNH for providing a means to being more connected with the New Hampshire geological community and excuses to go out and hike around on a bunch of rocks.

Russell J. Wilder - Russ is currently Vice president of Environmental Services at URS' Salem Office. He graduated from UNH in geology in 1970 and received his masters degree in soil and water science in 1971. He has over 30 years of senior management experience, including positions as manager of very large multi-disciplinary task order contracts for federal environmental services and Fortune 500 Companies. He has extensive experience working with New England regulators including the USEPA, USACE, USF&WS, NMFS, MADEP, CTDEP, VTAEC and NHDES. While at the USEPA Region 1, Russ received an award for his work with the USACE on the 404 Dredge

and Fill Program. Also while at the USEPA, he was responsible for the issuance of NPDES permits to industries and municipalities in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Connecticut. Russ has served on the Windham, NH Conservation Commission and Planning Board for 24 years and is currently a member of the Alton, NH Conservation Commission. He currently serves on the legislative committee for GSNH. Russ is a Licensed Site Professional (LSP) in Massachusetts and a Professional Geologist in Virginia and New Hampshire. He has three grown children, Daniel, Stephanie and Lindsey. He resides with his wife, Penn, in Alton Bay, NH.

Treasurer

Jim Degnan – Jim is a hydrogeologist for the USGS in Pembroke, NH, this position has provided the opportunity for him to be involved in a wide variety of ground water and water quality studies in the US and abroad. Jim has had the privilege of serving as treasurer for the GSNH since 2010. Jim is a licensed professional geologist in NH, has a BS in Geology from UNH (1997), and has worked for the USGS since 1994.

Secretary

Muriel Robinette – Muriel is a native New Hampshire'ite' who returned to the Granite State from a 9 year hiatus on the west coast for graduate school and work. She is a graduate of Laconia High School, University of New Hampshire, and Washington State University with degrees in Geology and Engineering and spent 4 years as an Assistant Professor of Geological Engineering at the University of Idaho. Besides academia, she worked for 4 years at DES (then the WSPCC) and spent 20 years with national consulting firms before finally settling down in NE to start New England EnviroStrategies in 2007.

Member-at-Large

Wayne Ives - Wayne was a geology major at Albion College in Michigan and graduated with a bachelor of arts degree. He worked in groundwater exploration consulting for ten years conducting geophysics, drilling and testing wells, and managing projects in New England, New York, California, Georgia, Virginia and Sudan. He left consulting to work for the Department of Environmental Services starting in the Superfund Program, where he quickly began managing Superfund Sites while serving as the Program's hydrogeologist. After seven years in Superfund, Wayne transferred to the Water Division to become the Instream Flow Specialist where he has been working for eleven years developing and testing criteria for meeting water quality standards for stream flow and managing water withdrawal issues.

Thomas Fargo - Tom supervises the Mobile Sources Section of the NHDES Air Resources Division. He moved to Dover, New Hampshire in 1988 to pursue a Ph.D. in geology at UNH. Tom received his Bachelors and Masters Degrees in Geology from the State Universities' of New York at Fredonia and Buffalo, respectively. He spent over ten years working in environmental consulting, primarily in New England, before engaging in citizen volunteer pursuits such as serving in the NH House of Representatives in 2007-08. Tom is long-time member of the GSNH and has served on the Legislative Committee since 2009.

...and of course, write-in candidates are always welcome.