

Vermont Historical Society
Trustee Bios for 2020 Annual Meeting Nominees

Janet Ancel, Calais

Janet grew up in Calais and attended school in Maple Corner when it was a one room school. She is a graduate of Stanford University (BA, English and History) and the University of Denver (MSW, JD). After many years working with the Legislative Council, Janet was appointed Legal Counsel to Governor Howard Dean and later as Tax Commissioner in the Dean Administration. She is no longer in active practice and now serves in the Vermont House of Representatives where she is Chair of the Ways and Means Committee, Chair of the Joint Fiscal Committee and a member of the Emergency Board, the Health Reform Oversight Committee and the Joint Transportation Oversight Committee.

David Austin, *Burlington*

David T. Austin has worked as an attorney and a businessperson in Vermont for nearly 30 years. David initially practiced law with the firm, Sheehy, Furlong and Behm from 1988 to 1997, first as an associate, then as a partner. He focused his client service on business, transactional and franchise matters. He also represented numerous owners and tenants in commercial leasing transactions. From 1997 to 2001, David was Executive Vice President and General Counsel for Bruegger's Enterprises, Inc., a franchisor, and operator of over 300 bagel bakeries in 26 states. From 2001 to 2013, David served as President of Bruegger's. David held that position through three different ownership groups, including one private equity firm. David rejoined the firm in 2014 and is counsel to the firm. He has renewed his focus on business and transactional matters. He offers the firm's business clients the benefit of his experience as an attorney, in-house counsel and executive.

Gary Farrell, *South Burlington*

Graduate of St. Michael's College, 1963, B.A. Business, Honorary Doctorate Degree, St. Michael's College 1999. Gary married Jane Farrell in 1962; they have four children, eight grandchildren, one great-granddaughter. He is the former co-owner/operator/developer of Sheraton-Burlington Hotel in South Burlington and former owner/operator/developer of Doubletree Hotel in South Burlington. He spent many years on the boards of such non-profits as, St. Michael's College, Vermont Chamber of Commerce, Burlington Chamber of Commerce, Co-Founder Vermont Convention Bureau, and various other charities. He enjoys golf and boating. He retired in 2007.

James Gallagher, *Lyndon*

Jim is a native of Lyndonville and a graduate of Lyndon Institute. He graduated from Tufts University and earned a law degree at the Cornell Law School. He received honorable discharges from the U.S. Air Force and the Vermont Air National Guard and has been employed by the law firm of Downs Rachlin Martin for over forty years. Jim currently serves on the board of the Lyndon Institute, having served as president from 1994-2003. He also serves on the board of the Vermont Bar Foundation, the Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital Board of Corporators and is president of the Upright Steeple Society, a historic preservation organization committed to the preservation of a Greek Revival church building in Lyndon. Jim and his wife, Susan, have two sons, Patrick and Kevin. Jim enjoys fly fishing, gardening, travel and is learning to play the piano and speak Italian. Jim has served on the VHS Board of Trustees since 2012.