

**Vermont Historical Society Board of Trustees**  
**Nominations as Proposed by the Governance Committee**

*July 26, 2019*

**For a 3-year term as a Vermont Historical Society Trustee:**

**John Conlon, Manchester (1<sup>st</sup> Term)**

John Conlon is a Senior Vice President and Chief Equity Strategist in People's United Advisors. He has over thirty years of experience in the investment industry and over twenty years of experience in portfolio management. Before joining the investment industry, he worked as a research scientist at NASA's Ames Research Center in California. John attended the University of Notre Dame, graduating with a B.S. in Engineering. He attended graduate school at the University of Virginia's College of Engineering, receiving an M.S. in Aerospace Engineering. He completed a graduate business program at Santa Clara University, where he received his M.B.A. John is also a Chartered Financial Analyst and a Certified Financial Planner®. He is a member of the CFA Institute and a member of the Vermont CFA Society, and has served as the chairman of its program committee as well as director and president of the Society. John was also a member and past president of the Manchester Rotary Club, and a founder and past board member of the Manchester Rotary Club Fund. He serves on the board for Restorative Justice in Bennington and on the board for the Vermont Catholic Community Foundation. John previously served as a member of the Financial Services Advisory Board to the State of Vermont and as a member of the Institute of Financial Services at Champlain College Advisory Board.

**Penrose Jackson, Hinesburg (1<sup>st</sup> Term)**

Penrose Jackson, a native of mid-state New York, came to Vermont to attend the University of Vermont, graduating in 1970 having majored in history. She attended John Marshall Law School in Chicago before returning to Vermont to settle permanently. After working at the University of Vermont for several years, Ms. Jackson accepted a job in the City of Burlington's Planning Office, which evolved into her role as the first Executive Director of the Church Street Marketplace. In that role, she was responsible for overseeing the funding, construction, and operation of the pedestrian mall for 13 years. Following the Marketplace, she served as executive director of the National Gardening Association, Intervale Foundation, and Vermont Health Foundation (VHF). The VHF job evolved to a position as director of The University of Vermont Medical Center's department of Community Health Improvement, which she held for 15 years until the end of 2018. Ms. Jackson now serves as a consultant to several organizations for project management, strategy development, and fund-raising. Ms. Jackson's experience on non-profit boards in the community is extensive, including service as chair of the Greater Burlington YMCA, Women Helping Battered Women, the Ethan Allen Homestead, First Night Burlington, the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission, among others. She has received national (the Association for Community Health's "Spirit of the Community" leadership award) and local (the Lake Champlain Regional Commerce's "Community Excellence" award) recognition for her commitment to community. In 2011 she received a Certificate in Community Benefit from Saint Louis University. Ms. Jackson lives and gardens in Hinesburg, Vermont, with her husband, Schuyler, and dog, Zim.



### **Stephen Kidder, Swanton (1<sup>st</sup> Term)**

Stephen Hubbard Kidder was born in St. Albans in 1952. He attended the Swanton school system and graduated from Pratt Institute with a degree in Fine Arts (Interior Architecture). Kidder's family owned and operated Kidder Memorial Home in Swanton from 1975 until 2012. During the early years, the entire family were Emergency Medical Technicians for the ambulance service that was part of the funeral home. The family helped form Missisquoi Valley Rescue in 1977. Professionally, Kidder has been in the retail home furnishings business since graduating college with stores in St. Albans, Williston and Berlin, Vermont. Kidder has 2 children, both married with families. He has been associated with several boards, most recently, the Home Furnishings Association, a trade group that serves the United States and Canada. The trade group represents about 4,000 retail stores, selling a wide variety of home furnishings. Kidder served as President and Chairman. In addition to the ambulance, Kidder also served as a Volunteer Firefighter in Swanton. He traced his family back to 1056 in East Grinstead, England, where they were apparently "goat tenders". The family emigrated to the colonies in the mid 1600's to Billerica, Massachusetts, and worked their way up through New England.

### **Michael McRaith, South Burlington (1<sup>st</sup> Term)**

Michael McRaith is Assistant Executive Director of the Vermont Principals' Association, a position he recently took on after serving four years as Principal of Montpelier High School. McRaith previously served two years as Principal and four years as a Guidance Counselor at Enosburg Falls Middle School. He taught English as a conversational hour for international students while studying at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, and was also the general manager of a resort and a manager for an industrial plastics recycling company, both in Wisconsin, his home state. McRaith also taught English in Japan for more than two years. He just started at the Vermont Principals' Association as of July 1, 2019 and will help organize professional learning opportunities for the principals of Vermont, lead the principal mentoring program, and help facilitate the Waddington Leadership Initiative for Vermont school leaders. McRaith lives in South Burlington with his wife, Jacqueline, and their two children.

### **Anna Tempesta Noonan, Richmond (1<sup>st</sup> Term)**

Anna T. Noonan, RN, BSN, MS, a Barre native and national quality expert, became president and chief operating officer for The University of Vermont Health Network – Central Vermont Medical Center (CVMC) in July of 2017. Since 2004, Noonan has served as vice president of the Jeffords Institute for Quality and Operational Effectiveness at The University of Vermont Medical Center (UVMC) in Burlington. She has concurrently served as vice president of quality management for CVMC since 2012. In both roles, Noonan focuses on accelerating clinical outcomes, improving operational efficiency and promoting population health strategies. She has been employed by UVMC, previously Fletcher Allen Health Care, for 35 years in a variety of clinical and leadership roles. Noonan began her professional career as an RN, earning degrees from UVM. She completed a master's degree in executive leadership and administration from Champlain College. She has deep roots in central Vermont. Her father, Luigi "Gino" Tempesta, was a sculptor in Barre's granite industry. Born in Barre, her first job, at age 16, was as a nurse's aide on CVMC's medical-surgical unit.



**Jim Reardon, Essex (2<sup>nd</sup> Term)**

Jim Reardon is Director of Finance for the City of Burlington, Burlington Electric Department. He was Commissioner of the Department of Finance & Management for the State of Vermont from February 2005 to October 2015. In this capacity, Jim was the chief financial officer responsible for the oversight, development, and monitoring of the entire state budget. In addition to managing a large technical and accounting staff, he was also responsible for supervising statewide reporting and the publication of Vermont's Comprehensive Annual Report. Jim was employed in state service for over twenty-nine years. Prior to becoming Commissioner, he served as Deputy Commissioner from 2003 to 2005. From 1994 to 2003, Jim was Financial Operations Manager for the Agency of Human Services, assisting in the development of agency goals, policies, and operational plans and acting as a legislative liaison with respect to fiscal policy and budget management. Earlier in his career he served as Chief Accountant for the Human Services Division of Rate Setting. He is a Certified Public Accountant and graduated from Bentley University with a Bachelor of Science in Accountancy. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Vermont Society of Certified Public Accountants.

**Gary Shattuck, Shrewsbury (1<sup>st</sup> Term)**

Gary G. Shattuck is an avid student of Vermont history and has written several books and articles about the state's past between 1749 and 1900. An alumnus of the University of Colorado, the New Hampshire native graduated with honors from Vermont Law School and served for more than three decades in the state's law enforcement community with the Vermont State Police, as a state assistant attorney general, and as assistant United States attorney with the U. S. Department of Justice. He is also a member of the Vermont Historical Records Advisory Board (VSARA), the Center for Research on Vermont (UVM) and the Fort Ticonderoga National Council.

**William Wilson, Underhill (1<sup>st</sup> Term)**

William E. Wilson holds degrees from the US Air Force Academy, Columbia University, and the Fletcher School (Tufts); he taught international relations at Saint Michael's College for thirty-eight years, retiring as Vice-President of Academic Affairs in 2008. He also holds a degree in Teaching English from Saint Michael's College and teaches at Vermont Adult Learning. He has served on the following boards: Vermont Council on World Affairs (Chair), Vermont Humanities Council (Chair), Vermont Adult Learning (Chair), and the Heritage Winooski Mill Museum. He is a member of the Underhill Historical Society and served as the Town of Underhill Moderator for twenty-five years. As a feature of his tenure, he opened the Meetings surveying Town Reports of 100, 50, and 25 years ago.



## **For a 2-year term as a Vermont Historical Society Officer:**

### **President – Barbara Mieder, Williston**

Barbara Mieder grew up in Michigan before attending college at Mount Holyoke, where she received a B.A. in German. She holds an M.A. from Middlebury College and a Ph.D. from Michigan State University. Dr. Mieder has lived in Vermont since 1971 and taught German, Latin, and English at Milton High School for nearly forty years before retiring in 2011. She is a long-serving member of Williston's Dorothy Alling Memorial Library and a former chair of the Vermont Humanities Council. Barbara has served on the VHS Board of Trustees since 2008.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President – Crocker Bennett, Hinesburg**

Crocker Bennett was an active trial lawyer at Paul Frank + Collins, a Burlington law firm, for thirty-six years, before retiring in 2016. He served as the firm president from 2010 to 2014. He graduated from the University of Vermont in 1971 with a B.A. in English literature, cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa. After a stint as a newsman at WCAX-TV, he worked toward an M.F.A. at The School of Performing Arts at USC, leaving after a year to attend law school at Franklin Pierce Law Center (now U.N.H. School of Law), where he received a J.D. in 1978. Crocker served as VHS Trustee 2008-2013 and Second Vice President 2013-2017.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President – Donald Miller, Bennington**

Donald Miller has been active in Bennington in the Bennington Historical Society, Bennington Museum, Friends of the Bennington Battle Monument, and Old First Church. He owned Nationwide Insurance Agency and was a consultant in the financial service industry for thirty years before retiring to Vermont. He was an attorney admitted to practice in Connecticut, Tennessee, and Ohio. Don is a graduate of Dickinson College with a degree in Economics, and of the University of Connecticut School of Law. He is an avid hiker and canoe enthusiast, and loves to explore historic sites and attend plays and concerts.

### **Treasurer – Dawn Schneiderman, Williston**

Dawn Schneiderman has lived and working in Vermont for over twenty years. After graduating from the University of Vermont with a degree in history, she spent several years in California, experiencing life “out west,” before returning to Vermont. For the last ten years, she has held the position of Director of Audit & Anti-Fraud Programs at Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Vermont. Dawn served on the VHS Board of Trustees from 2011 to 2013, and has held the officer position of Treasurer since 2013.

