

Vermont Historical Society

Nominations as Proposed by the Governance Committee

July 10, 2017

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

Janet Ancel, Calais (1st term)

Janet Ancel 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.

Brian Campion, Bennington (1st term)

Brian Campion, though born in Albany, New York, has deep Vermont roots and a distinct love of its history and culture. Campion was elected to the Vermont State Senate in 2014. Prior to the Senate, Campion served two terms in the Vermont House of Representatives, first elected in 2010 and reelected in 2012. While a member of the House of Representatives, Campion served on the House Education Committee. He is employed at Bennington College and currently serves on the boards of the Bennington Museum, Threshold Collaborative, and Green Mountain Express Network. He holds a BA and MA in History.

Gary Farrell, South Burlington (1st term)

Graduate of St. Michael's College, 1963, B.A. Business, Honorary Doctorate Degree, St. Michael's College 1999. Married to Jane Farrell in 1962, four children, eight grandchildren, one great-granddaughter. Former co-owner/operator/developer of Sheraton-Burlington Hotel in South Burlington, Vt. and former owner/operator/developer of Doubletree Hotel in So. Burlington, Vt. Spent many years on Boards of non-profits, St. Michael's College, Vermont Chamber of Commerce, Burlington Chamber of Commerce, Co-Founder Vermont Convention Bureau, various other charities. Enjoy golf and boating. Retired in 2007.

James C. Gallagher, Lyndon (3rd term)

Jim Gallagher 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 where he served as an editor of the Cornell Law Review. He received an honorable discharge 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-five years. Jim currently serves on the board of the Lyndon Institute, having served as president from 1994-2003. He is also a incorporator of the Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital and is president of the

Upright Steeple Society, a historic preservation organization committed to the preservation of an 1829 Greek Revival church building in Lyndon. Jim and his wife, Susan, have two sons, Patrick and Kevin. Jim enjoys fly fishing, gardening, travel and studying Italian.

Mary Leahy, Marshfield (2nd term)

Mary retired as director of Central Vermont Adult Basic Education in 2012 after serving for 37 years. A Montpelier native, Mary grew up in the house on State Street that today houses the Vermont Arts Council. Mary is today resident of Marshfield and is active in the Marshfield Historical Society. She also serves on the board of the Friends of the Vermont State House.

Robert D. Rachlin, Burlington (3rd term)

Robert Rachlin is a Founding Partner, Senior Director and Co-General Counsel of Downs Rachlin Martin PLLC. He has served on the Board of Trustees of Vermont Law School and as a Visiting Associate Professor, teaching Legal Profession (ethics), Remedies and Corporations. He is also a lecturer in the Department of Classics and adjunct faculty of the Department of German and Russian, University of Vermont. He has authored numerous articles on the Holocaust, Nazi German law, and Vermont History. With Professor Alan Steinweis of the UVM History Department, he co-edited *The Law in Nazi Germany*, to which he contributed a chapter. He is a concert pianist and composer. Mr. Rachlin has served on the Board of Trustees of the Vermont Historical Society since January 2011.

Lori M. Scotnicki, Shelburne (1st term)

Lori Scotnicki is an Antiques and personal property appraiser with 27 years-experience appraising for attorneys, insurance companies and individuals as well as coordinating antiques auctions in VT and MA. Generalizing in furniture, artwork, silver, porcelains & pottery, folk art, textiles, much more. Board member and officer Vermont Antiques Dealers' Association. BA from Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT with a minor concentration in Art History.

Richard B. Smith, Manchester (3rd term)

Dick Smith received engineering and business management degrees from Lehigh University and an economics degree from Columbia University. He recently hosted a Vermont history series for public television. He also has lectured and written books on the Revolutionary War in Bennington County and on Ethan Allen's capture of Fort Ticonderoga. Dick is former president of the Manchester Historical Society.

For a 2-year leadership term as follows:

President: Barbara Mieder, Williston

Barbara 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 trustee 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.

1st Vice President: S. Crocker Bennett, II, Hinesburg

Crocker recently retired from practice as a trial lawyer after 37 years with the firm of Paul Frank + Collins P.C. at which he recently served as firm president. Crocker is a graduate of the University of Vermont (1972) and the University of New Hampshire School of Law (1978). Crocker has an avid interest in history, and is a collector of books by and about Winston Churchill. He is also a collector of fine antique clocks and, lately, classic motorcycles. Crocker served as a VHS trustee from 2008 to 2013 and as Second Vice President since 2013.

2nd Vice President: William Wilson, Underhill

Bill 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 for Academic Affairs in 2008. He continues to teach humanities courses at Saint Michael's, the Community College of Vermont, and English courses for Vermont Adult Learning. He has served on the following Boards: Vermont Council on World Affairs (Chair), Vermont Humanities Council (Chair), and the Heritage Winooski Mill Museum. He is currently serving on the board of Vermont Adult Learning, is a member of the Underhill Historical Society, and has been the Town of Underhill Moderator for twenty-five years.

Treasurer: Dawn Schneiderman, Williston

Dawn has lived and worked in Vermont for the last 20+ years. After graduating from UVM with a degree in history, she spent several years in California, experiencing life "out west", before returning to Vermont. Dawn currently works at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Vermont as its Chief Administrative Officer. Dawn served on the VHS Board of Trustees from 2011 to 2013 and as Treasurer since 2013.