

## Official Ballot for Election of Directors for the Year 2006

Board elections will be held at the WWA's Annual Meeting and Field Day on September 30, 2006. This ballot is provided to members who are unable to attend the meeting in person.

**One and two year terms are indicated, eventually all seats will be staggered two year terms. Please vote for 15 directors by putting a check or "X" by the names voted for:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **John Ebsen** (current member) 1 year term

\_\_\_\_\_ **Tim Eisele** (new member) 1 year term

\_\_\_\_\_ **Gail Epping Overholt** (current member) 2 year term

\_\_\_\_\_ **Scott Froehlke** (current member) 2 year term

\_\_\_\_\_ **Kim Genich** (current member) 1 year term

\_\_\_\_\_ **R. Tod Highsmith** (current member) 2 year term

\_\_\_\_\_ **Mary Linton** (current member) 2 year term

\_\_\_\_\_ **Laurie Lawlor** (new member) 2 year term

\_\_\_\_\_ **Bruce Moore** (current member) 2 year term

\_\_\_\_\_ **Jonathan Reed** (current member) 1 year term

\_\_\_\_\_ **Eugene M. Roark** (current member) 1 year term

\_\_\_\_\_ **Galen Smith** (current member) 1 term year

\_\_\_\_\_ **Alice Thompson** (current member) 1 year term

\_\_\_\_\_ **Paul Zedler** (current member) 2 year term

\_\_\_\_\_ **Libby Zimmerman** (current member) 1 year term

\_\_\_\_\_ **ALL OF THE ABOVE**

Note: Biographies for all of the candidates are below.

To submit this ballot by mail, mark your choices for the Board of Directors, and mail to:

Wisconsin Wetlands Association  
222 S. Hamilton St., Ste 1  
Madison, WI 53703

Ballots may also be submitted by fax: 608-287-1179.

***Ballots must be postmarked (if mailed) or received (if faxed) by 5:00 PM on Friday, September 29, 2006 to be counted.***

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### **Bios**

**John Ebsen**, Treasurer, is a retired underwriter/insurance analyst for CUNA Mutual Group in Madison and currently teaches in the Madison Public Schools. He holds an MBA from UW-Milwaukee, is a CPA, CFA, CFE, and CPCU. John has been a Dane County Volunteer, consulted with Clean Wisconsin and is an avid outdoorsman.

**Tim Eisele** is a full-time freelance outdoor writer and photographer writing for *The Capital Times*, *The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, and *Wisconsin Outdoor News* newspapers, and is the editor for the *Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association's Woodland Management* magazine (and he's always looking for a good story idea)! He is a founding member and three time past-president of the Wisconsin Outdoor Communicator's Association and is an active member of the Outdoor Writers Association of America.

Tim, and his wife Linda, own and manage 100 acres in Crawford County to benefit wildlife.

**Gail Epping Overholt** is the Milwaukee River Basin Educator with the University of Wisconsin Extension. She is formerly the Director of Education at the Aldo Leopold Nature Center, prior to which she was a Water Resources Specialist with the WDNR and a public school science teacher. She received her undergraduate degree in Elementary Education and MS in Water Resources Management with an emphasis on wetlands, both from UW-Madison. Wetlands are Gail's passion, she has been an active member of the WWA and previously served on the board in the late 1990's.

**Scott Froehlke** is a registered contract lobbyist based in Madison. For a dozen years Froehlke was a legislative staffer for a variety of elected officials. His current client base ranges from Wisconsin winemakers to Gathering Waters, the land trust umbrella organization. Scott helped pass the recent important groundwater withdrawal legislation. He gained experience in advocacy and water policy as a former board member and Chair of the River Alliance of Wisconsin.

**Kim Genich**, Secretary, has been involved in environmental issues such as recycling, energy and water quality for many years. He is an attorney who has assisted in various legal seminars on wetlands, restoration and mitigation. Kim is an avid birdwatcher.

**R. Tod Highsmith** is a writer and editor in the conservation sciences. His career includes stints as an environmental educator, ornithological researcher, and staff journalist for an international bird conservation organization. He is a former officer of the Wisconsin Society for Ornithology, and served as editor of *The Passenger Pigeon*, the society's quarterly journal. He holds a Ph.D. in Zoology from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

**Laurie Lawlor** is an award-winning author of more than 35 works of fiction and nonfiction for children, young adults, and adults, and provides numerous writing workshops and presentations at schools and libraries. Her recent natural history/memoir, *THIS TENDER PLACE THE STORY OF A WETLAND YEAR*, was inspired by a rare fen near her family's home in southeastern Wisconsin. Laurie teaches part-time in the Fiction Writing Department of Columbia College, Chicago. She has been involved as a hospice volunteer and as a naturalist at Ryerson Woods, Lake County Forest Preserve in IL.

**Mary Linton**, Vice Chair, teaches Biology at the University of Wisconsin - Whitewater. She has an M.S. in Biology from Michigan Technological University and a Ph.D. in Ecology from the University of Kentucky. Her research interest is the complex ecology and conservation of wetland animals that use wetlands and uplands to complete their life cycle. Her idea of a good time is chasing frogs and toads on a warm rainy spring night. She is a published scientist and poet.

**Bruce Moore** is a water resources engineer for WDNR. Bruce is a registered professional engineer and hydrologist in WI and holds a graduate degree in environmental monitoring. He is a dedicated conservationist and a believer in maintaining a small footprint. His many contributions to protecting the environment include driving a car powered by vegetable oil and being a strong supporter of Wisconsin Wetlands Association as a volunteer, donor and program participant.

**Jonathan Reed** is the President of Jonathan Reed and Associates, a management consulting service for environmental and scientific organizations. He recently returned to Wisconsin after serving as Associate Director and Acting Lead of the Conservation Science Division of The Nature Conservancy. Jonathon holds MS and PhD degrees in Zoology from the UW-Madison.

**Gene Roark** was the co-founder of Wisconsin Chapter of The Nature Conservancy in 1960. He serves or has served on numerous boards and committees for conservation groups including: Dane County Natural Heritage Foundation, Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association, Madison Audubon Society, Dane County Conservation League and Wisconsin Society for Ornithology (magazine editor).

**Galen Smith** is a retired biology professor from University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. He is a plant taxonomist with a specialization in wetland species and has recently revised the genera *Typha*, *Scirpus*, and *Eleocharis* for the Flora of North America. Galen is an ardent conservationist who co-founded the Iowa chapter of The Nature Conservancy, initiated the statewide Iowa natural areas system effort, helped establish the Beulah Bog, Lulu Lake, and UW-Whitewater nature preserves, and served on the SEWRPC committee for natural areas and the 1996 DNR water quality regulations review committee.

**Alice Thompson**, Chair, is a wetland ecologist and an independent wetland consultant with Thompson and Associates Wetland Services based in South Milwaukee. Alice specializes in wetland restoration, delineation, permitting and mitigation. She co-authored the Wetland Restoration Handbook for Wisconsin Landowners. She holds a Masters of Science degree from UW-Milwaukee and is a Professional Wetland Scientist as certified by the Society of Wetland Scientists.

**Paul Zedler** is Professor of Environmental Studies at the Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies at UW-Madison and a senior scientist at the UW Arboretum. Paul previously worked at San Diego State University as Professor of Biology and director of Biological Field Stations. Paul holds a B.S. in English from UW-Milwaukee, and M.S. in Botany and PhD in Botany-Plant Ecology from UW-Madison and among other research interests has worked on the plants of dunes and ephemeral wetlands.

**Elizabeth (Libby) Zimmerman**, together with her late husband Jim and Dan Caulfield, co-founded the Wisconsin Wetlands Association (originally Dane County Wetlands Association, later Southern Wisconsin Wetlands Assoc.) in 1969. Libby, a biologist, wetland ecologist and accomplished wildlife artist, remains active on the WWA Board.