

Official Ballot for Election of Directors for the Year 2007

Board elections will be held at the WWA's Annual Meeting on November 15, 2007. This ballot is provided to members who are unable to attend the meeting in person.

Candidates

The following slate of candidates has been nominated by WWA's Nominating Committee. Please vote for 9 directors by putting a check or "X" by the names voted for:

_____ **Dan Chabot** (new member) 2 year term

_____ **Gene Roark** (current member) 2 year term

_____ **John Ebsen** (current member) 2 year term

_____ **Carl Sinderband** (new member) 2 year term

_____ **Tim Eisele** (current member) 1 year

_____ **Galen Smith** (current member) 2 year term

_____ **Kim Genich** (current member) 2 year term

_____ **Alice Thompson** (current member) 2 year term

_____ **Jonathan Reed** (current member) 2 year term

_____ **ALL OF THE ABOVE**

Continuing Board Members (2 year terms expire in 2008)

Scott Froehlke

Laurie Lawler

Tod Highsmith

Bruce Moore

Mary Linton

Paul Zedler

Note: Biographies for all of the candidates and continuing board members 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 Wednesday, November 14, 2007 to be counted.***

CANDIDATE BIOS

Dan Chabot was raised in Tarrytown, New York, and graduated with a BS degree from Cornell University. Dan is the retired CEO of Wilson Learning, Minneapolis, a firm that was a leader of the human potential movement. In retirement he has been an active supporter of and leader in education and environmental conservation. In addition to WWA's Board, Dan has served through the Freshwater Institute of Minneapolis; the Northland College Board of Trustees; the Florida Oceanographic Society Board; and the Florida Atlantic University Foundation Board. Dan and his wife Jan winter on the east coast of Florida.

John Ebsen, Treasurer, is a retired underwriter/insurance analyst for CUNA Mutual Group in Madison and currently works for the WI Department of Revenue. 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.

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.

Jonathan Reed is the President of Jonathan Reed and Associates, a management consulting service for environmental and scientific organizations. He formerly served as Associate Director and Acting Lead of the Conservation Science Division of The Nature Conservancy. Jonathan holds MS and PhD degrees in Zoology from the UW–Madison.

Gene Roark was the co-founder of the 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).

Carl Sinderbrand is a partner in the Madison law firm, Axley Brynson, where he practices environmental, construction and government administrative law. A graduate of Oberlin College and UW Law School, he previously served as an assistant attorney general at the Wisconsin Department of Justice. He is a former member of the Dane County Lakes and Watershed Commission, and currently is a member of the board of directors of Clean Wisconsin, Inc.

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.

CURRENTLY ON BOARD (term expires in 2008)

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 Conservancy, 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.

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, IL.

Mary Linton, Vice Chair, has an M.S. in Biology from Michigan Technological University and a Ph.D. in Ecology from the University of Kentucky and was formerly a professor at UW-Whitewater. 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 based in Ashland. 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.

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 Ph.D in Botany-Plant Ecology from UW–Madison and among other research interests has worked on the plants of dunes and ephemeral wetlands.