



## Official Ballot for 2017 Election of Directors

Board elections will be held at Wisconsin Wetlands Association's  
Annual Membership Meeting on February 28, 2017

**This ballot is provided for members who wish to vote, but are unable to attend the meeting.**

### Candidates

The following slate of candidates has been selected by WWA's Nominating Committee. Board members are elected to two-year terms. Please vote for up to 5 directors by marking their names:

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

\_\_\_ **John Wetzel** (current member) 2 year term

\_\_\_ **Tim Jacobson** (current member) 2 year term

\_\_\_ **Kenneth Potter** (new member) 2 year term

\_\_\_ **Linn Duesterbeck** (new member) 2 year term

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

*Note: Candidate biographies are included on the second page of this ballot.*

### Continuing Board Members

No voting required this year

**Alison Peña**  
**Jim Ruwaldt**  
**Art Kitchen**

### Submission instructions

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

Wisconsin Wetlands Association  
214 N. Hamilton St. #201  
Madison, WI 53703

You can also submit your ballot by email to [wwamembers@wisconsinwetlands.org](mailto:wwamembers@wisconsinwetlands.org).

***Ballots must be received by 5:00 PM on Monday, February 27, 2017***

## WWA Board of Director Candidate Bios

**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.

**Tim Jacobson** leads a consulting and communications firm in Boscobel. He has been an attorney for the past two decades and served as executive director of Mississippi Valley Conservancy in La Crosse for seven years. He is president of the board of Midwest Environmental Advocates and is a past member of the Gathering Waters Conservancy board and DNR's Stewardship Advisory Council. Jacobson's environmental communications work was honored at the National Press Club in Washington D.C. in 2013. In 2014, he received an Emmy Award for "Outstanding Achievement in Documentary Programs" as executive producer of the film *Mysteries of the Driftless*.

**John Wetzel** retired from a 30-year career in Wildlife Biology with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources where he worked across the state, most recently in the Mississippi River Work Unit based in La Crosse. He is active in a number of conservation organizations related to waterfowl and the Mississippi River including: Wisconsin Wildlife Federation, La Crosse Conservation Alliance, Mississippi River Citizens Commission, Mississippi Valley Conservancy, Ducks Unlimited, Wisconsin Waterfowl Association, Ruffed Grouse Society, The Wildlife Society, Wisconsin Chapter, Audubon Society, and Brice Prairie Conservation Association.

**Kenneth Potter** is an Emeritus Professor of Civil & Environmental Engineering at the University of Wisconsin. His teaching and research interests are in hydrology and water resources, and include estimation of hydrological risk, especially flood risk; stormwater modeling, management and design; adaptation of hydrologic design to climate change; assessment and mitigation of human impacts on aquatic systems; restoration of aquatic systems; and sediment and phosphorus control through management of streams, drainage ditches, and wetlands.

**Linn Duesterbeck** is the retired owner of L.A. Duesterbeck and Associates, a commercial appraisal company headquartered in Janesville, Wisconsin. Linn and his wife reside on Lake Koshkonong where they own approximately 65 acres of waterfrontage with extensive wetlands. He has been active in many wetland and conservation projects in the past and has been a member of WWA since the early 1980's. He is also a lifetime member of Ducks Unlimited and Delta Waterfowl and cares deeply about the future of wetlands and outdoor resources.