



American Birding®
A S S O C I A T I O N

~ Notice of Annual Meeting ~

Notice is hereby given to members of the American Birding Association, Inc., that, pursuant to the provisions of the bylaws, the Annual Meeting of Members will be held Sunday, 21 September 2014 at 3:00 p.m. at the ABA Headquarters, 93-ABA Clinton Street, Delaware City, DE 19706, and at any adjourned meeting thereof, as follows:

- 1 • The election of directors, as described on the reverse;
- 2 • For such other matters as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournments thereof.

Only members who are in good standing as of 21 September 2014 will be entitled to vote at this meeting. If you do not expect to attend the meeting in person, please complete the proxy ballot below, detach and place in the enclosed envelope, affix proper postage, and mail to 1618 W. Colorado Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80904. Unless otherwise directed by you, your proxy will be voted for all nominated directors.

The following have been nominated to serve on the Board of Directors of the American Birding Association:

NOMINATED FOR A 3RD 3-YEAR TERM:

D.H. Michael "Mike" Bowen – Bethesda, MD
Mike is a retired chemical engineer, a long-time ABA member, and has served on the ABA Board of Directors since 2008. Originally from Wales, he earned his doctorate at the University of Birmingham (U.K.). His 30-year career with the American Chemical Society was largely in publications and administration (Deputy Executive Director and Secretary, 1994-97). Active in the birding community, he was on the Maryland Ornithological Society's Board of Directors (2001-2003), chaired their Educational Activities Committee, and served for three years (2009-2011) on the MOS Maryland/DC Rare Bird Records Committee. Mike organizes and leads forays and trips for both MOS and the Audubon Naturalist Society. He has keenly pursued birds through the United States, Latin America, Europe, Africa, and New Zealand.

Louis M. Morrell – New York, NY
Lou is currently Chair of the Board of the American Birding Association. He has been a member of the ABA Board of Directors since June 2008 and Chair since October 2010. Lou retired from JP Morgan Chase & Co with 36 years experience in corporate finance and treasury. He served as Chair of the Board of Directors of the Emerging Artists Theatre, which provides a home for playwrights to develop their work from idea to production. Lou is an active supporter and past president of One Stop for Coordinated Senior Services, Inc., which helps senior New Yorkers with services and entitlements access. He served on the Wildlife Conservation Society's Business Committee (1996-2002), and was on

the Board of Directors of the musical ensemble Partita (1992-1995). Lou is currently a senior adviser and consultant with the Regulatory Fundamentals Group, a consultancy dealing with bank and financial service company regulatory issues.

NOMINATED FOR A 2ND 3-YEAR TERM:

Carl Bendorf -- Solon, IA
Carl is the founder and Executive Director of Iowa Young Birders. An Iowa native, Carl is past president and records committee chair of the Iowa Ornithologists' Union. He moved back to Iowa in 2012 after a 22 year career in nonprofit fundraising and management where he held leadership positions at two Big Ten university foundations and served as executive director of a foundation in the Chicago area. He has been a frequent presenter on charitable giving topics and has led capital campaigns ranging up to \$250 million. Carl and his wife, Linda, live near Solon, Iowa at Wild Finch Farm.

Kenn Kaufman – Oak Harbor, OH
A world-renowned author and originator of the Kaufman Focus Guides, Kenn has long been recognized as an expert of bird identification. He has been teaching popular workshops on the subject since 1980 and has written hundreds of ID articles. A past editor of Field Notes and a contributor to varying birding magazines, he has also led nature tours on all seven continents. Kenn is the recipient of the ABA Roger Tory Peterson award for the promotion of the cause of birding in 2008 and the ABA Ludlow Griscom award for outstanding contributions in regional ornithology in 1992 and has served

on the ABA Board of Directors since his appointment in October 2010.

NOMINATED FOR A 1ST 3-YEAR TERM:

Jennifer Owen-White – Albuquerque, NM
Jennifer currently serves as the first refuge manager at the first urban refuge in the Southwest U.S., Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge, which is part of a larger push by U.S. Fish and Wildlife to reach urban audiences and connect them to the important habitats and wildlife that the Service protects.

Jennifer served as the Refuge Manager for the Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge in Alamo, Texas. She also served as the Visitor Service Manager, Volunteer Coordinator and Media/Outreach Coordinator for the South Texas Refuge Complex (Santa Ana, Laguna Atascosa and Lower Rio Grande Valley NWRs).

She is especially proud of the curriculum and training she developed and taught throughout the entire state of Texas, training interpreters on how to become birding field guides/birding interpreters. She will complete her PhD in Forestry with a specialization in Natural Resource Interpretation in 2015.

Linda Rockwell – Corrales, NM
Linda is an attorney specializing in general civil practice, trials and appeals, legal research and writing, mediation, arbitration, and settlement facilitation. During her 35 years of law practice, she has provided many hours of *pro bono* legal services to those in need of assistance. She has also worked with different groups who help people who are representing themselves to navigate the legal system.

As a birder, her focus has been to bring birders from different economic and social backgrounds, different parts of the world, and different age groups together in social settings in order to improve communication and cooperation within our community. Her hope is to represent the ABA as an inclusive organization that encourages birders from different backgrounds and interest levels to support the ideals and goals of the ABA.

She regularly opens her home to traveling birders so that she can show them the beauty of New Mexico and the joys of New Mexico birding. She lives in Corrales, New Mexico with her three dogs.

Bill Sain – Alpine, TX
Bill retired in August, 2012 after 34 years working as a civilian for the U.S. Department of Defense. In that time, he worked in accounting and contracting for all three military services and in the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

Bill has a wide variety of experience managing non-profit organizations focused on conservation as well as other related volunteer efforts. He was an officer or board member of Bexar Audubon Society, San Antonio, TX, from 1993-2000, serving 3 years as Treasurer and over 3 years as President. In the late 90's, Bill chaired the committee that developed a conceptual plan for the new Texas Audubon Society then served on its first Board of Directors. He was also part of the committee that developed the Master Naturalist concept and founded the first Master Naturalist chapter. He served on the Board of Trustees for the Aullwood Audubon Center in Dayton OH for two years.

~ Proxy—American Birding Association, Inc ~

Know all persons that I, the undersigned, a member in good standing of the American Birding Association, Incorporated, do hereby constitute and appoint Scott Fraser and George Armistead with the full power of substitution as attorneys and agents for me, in my name, place, and stead, to vote as my proxy the number of votes I would be entitled to cast if personally present at the meeting of the American Birding Association, Inc., to be held Sunday, 21 September 2014 at 3:00 p.m. at the ABA Headquarters, 93-ABA Clinton Street, Delaware City, DE 19706, and at any adjourned meeting thereof, as follows:

- For all the nominated directors except withhold authority for the following: _____
- For the transaction of other such business as may properly come before the meeting.

In witness thereof, I have hereinto set my hand this _____ day of _____, 2014.

Signed, _____
(must be signed and dated to be valid)

(member number)
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Print Name: _____

For JOINT MEMBERSHIPS only, a second household member should complete the following:

- For all the nominated directors except withhold authority for the following: _____
- For the transaction of other such business as may properly come before the meeting.

In witness thereof, I have hereinto set my hand this _____ day of _____, 2014.

Signed, _____
(must be signed and dated to be valid)

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Print Name: _____