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Southern New England Chapter

FY 2018 Board of Directors Election Ballot

Member
Name: _____

Please return ballot by **Friday 4 August 2017**, to info@swcssnec.org or via USPS to SWCS SNEC c/o Christine Odiaga, 668 Setucket Road, South Dennis MA 02660.

Candidate biographies are printed on the back of this ballot. All members are eligible to vote for all candidates. You may write in a candidate; self-nominations are welcome. Candidates must be SNEC members in good standing, and willing to participate. Please notify Christine of write-in candidates, so that the ballot posted on-line can be updated and members notified. Descriptions for the volunteer Board of Directors and the paid part-time Executive Director positions, as well as a copy of this ballot, are posted at <http://swcssnec.org/about-us/fy-2018-board-of-directors/>.

President 1 Year Term

TOM AKIN

Vice President 1 Year Term

TIMOTHY RANDHIR

Secretary 1 Year Term

CAROL GRASIS

Treasurer 2 Year Term

Jim Linfield

Rhode Island Representative 3 Year Term

Jeff Peterson

Executive Director 1 year contract

I would like to apply. My resume is attached.

Thank you for your participation. Election results will be announced at the Annual Chapter Meeting on Friday 11 August 2017 in Taunton, MA.



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CANDIDATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT - TOM AKIN

Tom Akin is the State Resource Conservationist with the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service in Amherst, MA, since January 2015; from 2003 to 2015, Tom was the Conservation Agronomist for NRCS. From 1998 to 2003, Tom worked at the Arnold Arboretum in Jamaica Plain as the Assistant Superintendent and Internship Coordinator. Tom has also worked as an IPM Coordinator at Weston Nurseries, an Extension Educator with UMass Amherst, and as a Peace Corps Volunteer in the Central African Republic. Tom has a BA in English from St. Thomas University in St. Paul, MN and an MS in Plant and Soil Sciences from the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. Tom's interests are community gardening, helping farmers and gardeners improve their soil's health, good local beer, and an occasional round of golf.

VICE PRESIDENT - TIMOTHY RANDHIR

Dr. Timothy O. Randhir is a Professor of Watershed Management and Water Quality with the Department of Environmental Conservation at University of Massachusetts. He received his Ph.D. from Purdue University in 1995 and did post-doctoral work there before joining UMass as a faculty in 1997. Timothy specializes in watershed management, climate change, water resources, ecological economics, dynamic systems modeling and optimization, GIS and spatial analysis, land use policy, common pool resource management, nonpoint source pollution, and natural resources policy. He serves as Editor of three international journals. Timothy is the author of a book on Watershed Management and has published more than 45 referred articles in leading journals including Water Resources Research, Ecological Modeling, Climatic Change, Journal of Hydrology, Forest Ecology and Management, Journal of Soil and Water Conservation, and Journal of American Water Resources Association.

SECRETARY - CAROL GRASIS

Carol Grasis graduated from the University of College in 1994 with a BS in Renewable Natural Resources. Carol has been employed by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service since 1994. She was originally hired as a cartographic technician for the Statewide Soil Survey program and then became a soil conservationist in 1996 and worked in the Windsor Service Center until moving to the CT NRCS State Office in 2010. She is currently a Resource Conservationist, working on the Program Staff for CT NRCS. Outside of the office, her interests include hiking, gardening, reading and spending time with her family. She is a trail manager and volunteer with the Vernon Greenways Volunteers, and has coached baseball at the Little League and Babe Ruth level. Carol has served on the board of SNEC-SWCS in the past, including terms as CT Director (1999), President (2001, 2002), President (2013) and Secretary (2015).

TREASURER - JAMES LINFIELD

James D Linfield resides in Amherst MA and is a Managing Partner of Capital Market Team, an Investment Real Estate and Business Brokerage. He has a B.S.B.A. in Accounting. Jim has renovated and reimagined properties, and has been an active board member and manager of multiple condominium communities. His interests in the environmental effects of renovation, along with his interests in healthy sustainable farming techniques, white-water kayaking, composting and reclamation led to his joining the SWCS.

RHODE ISLAND REPRESENTATIVE - JEFFREY PETERSON

Jeff Peterson is a Senior Wetland and Soil Scientist at VHB with 35 years combined international and national experience, 22 of them for VHB. His skills include wetland delineation, soil description and classification, erosion and sediment control planning, plant identification, and wetland functional assessments. Jeff is certified as a Professional Soil Scientist, PWS, CPESC by ACOE Baltimore District as a Wetland Delineator. He has served on the New England Hydric Soils Technical Committee, responsible for establishing criteria for identifying wetland soils, since 1999. Jeffrey's studies of mesic Spodosols in northeastern Connecticut helped improve wetland delineations in these problem soils. He has also authored several successful local, state, and federal wetland permit applications for public and private sector developments in southern New England states.