

Vermont Historical Society Board of Trustees Ballot 2023

Janet Ancel, *Calais*

Janet grew up in Calais and attended school in Maple Corner when it was a one room school. She is a graduate of Stanford University (BA, English and History) and the University of Denver (MSW, JD). After many years working with the Legislative Council, Janet was appointed Legal Counsel to Governor Howard Dean and later as Tax Commissioner in the Dean Administration. She is no longer in active practice and recently retired from the Vermont House of Representatives where she was Chair of the Ways and Means Committee, and a member of the Joint Fiscal Committee, the Emergency Board, the Joint Legislative Management Committee, the Advisory Committee on the State House, the Health Reform Oversight Committee and the Joint Transportation Oversight Committee.

David Austin, *South Burlington*

David grew up in Burlington and graduated from Middlebury College (BA, Economics) and Catholic University of America School of Law (JD). Since 1985, David worked in Vermont in business and as an attorney. For many years, he practiced law at Sheehey, Furlong & Behm, a Vermont law firm. From 1997 to 2013, David worked for Bruegger's Enterprises, then a Vermont based franchisor and operator of over 300 bagel bakeries in 26 states. David served as President for 10 years and in other senior roles before that. In 2014, David rejoined Sheehey where he resumed practicing law and served as firm President and Managing Director. From 1989 to 2000, David also served the City of South Burlington, first on the Zoning Board, then the Planning Commission and finally the City Council.

Allison Belisle, *Brookfield*

Allison, a Burlington native, received her B.S. in Business with a concentration in Accounting from the University of Vermont. She went on to use that degree in her 36-year career with Colchester-based Vermont Information Processing (VIP). In her spare time, Allison volunteered with the Milton Historical Society acting as both President and Treasurer. In 2017, Allison and her husband David moved from Chittenden County to central Vermont, where they enjoy year-round outdoor adventures with hiking, snowshoeing, and biking. Allison's love of history began as a child when she would wander from her home near UVM to the Fleming Museum, spending hours looking at the collection. In her retirement, she looks forward to continuing with that love of history through volunteering with the Vermont Historical Society.

Randolph D. Brock, *Swanton*

Mr. Brock holds a B.A. degree from Middlebury College and an M.A. from Yale University. He retired in 2003 as an Executive Vice President for Fidelity Investments. A Vietnam veteran, he left the Regular Army in 1970 as a captain in the Military Police Corps. He has served as a member of the board of directors of the Vermont Educational and Health Buildings Finance Agency and as State Auditor of Accounts from 2005 to 2007. Randy currently represents Franklin County in the Vermont Senate.

Katherine Lalley, *Shelburne*

A Washington, DC native, Kate Lalley has lived in Shelburne since 2003. She attended Kenyon College, receiving a Bachelor of Arts in English, followed by a master's in landscape architecture from the University of Virginia. Kate maintained a practice in landscape and urban design for 15 years, serving public, private and institutional clients in New England, New York and Washington, DC. Upon moving with her family to Vermont in 2003, the focus of her work shifted to community planning. Since 2015 Kate has worked as a regional planner. She helps communities to increase attainable housing, especially in walkable contexts to make more affordable, healthful and car-lite lifestyles with easier access to jobs and daily needs available to more Vermonters. Walkable and conveniently located neighborhoods reduce emissions and provide opportunities to manage stormwater, creating flood resiliency and protecting water quality and other sensitive natural resources.

Prior to representing Shelburne District 6 in the Vermont Legislature, Kate was an active community volunteer, serving as a member of the town's selectboard and prior to that, as a planning commissioner for 15 years.

Anthony Marro, *Bennington*

Anthony Marro considers himself a child of Route 7, having been born in Middlebury, raised in Rutland, educated in Burlington (at UVM) and now living in the restored Putnam Hotel in Bennington. He worked for newspapers when people still read them, and was a reporter for the Rutland Herald, Newsday, Newsweek, and The New York Times. He was a member of reporting teams that won two Pulitzer Prize gold medals and was the executive editor of Newsday for 16 years. He is a co-author with Sam Hand and Steve Terry of *Philip Hoff: How Red Turned Blue in the Green Mountain State* and a contributor to *Beyond the Hiss Case: The FBI, Congress and the Cold War*. He has a BA in History from UVM and an MA in Journalism from Columbia. He serves on the board of the Bennington Theater and the Bennington downtown restoration project. His wife, Jacqueline Cleary Marro, is on the board of the Bennington Free Library and the Park-McCullough Historic House.

Donald Miller, *Bennington*

Donald Miller has been active in Bennington in the Bennington Historical Society, Bennington Museum, Friends of the Bennington Battle Monument, and Old First Church. He owned Nationwide Insurance Agency and was a consultant in the financial service industry for thirty years before retiring to Vermont. He was an attorney admitted to practice in Connecticut, Tennessee, and Ohio. Don is a graduate of Dickinson College with a degree in Economics, and of the University of Connecticut School of Law. He is an avid hiker and canoe enthusiast and loves to explore historic sites and attend plays and concerts.

Wright Preston, *Richmond*

Wright Preston is a senior vice president of commercial lending at Northfield Savings Bank, having spent a career in commercial banking in Burlington. He has long been active on statewide boards, including currently serving on the VT Board of Bar Examiners, and was on the boards of VT Council on Rural Development and Green Mountain Audubon. Locally, Wright has held a number of volunteer posts for the Town of Richmond, among them Selectboard member, Selectboard chair,

acting town moderator, conservation commissioner, health officer, and member of the police chief hiring committee. He is a trustee of the Richmond Land Trust and was also a founding member of the Chittenden County Uplands Conservation Project. Wright, a UVM graduate, lives in Richmond with his wife, Cindy. Wright loves Vermont's old, forgotten places, its railway heritage, historical figures and our state's placenames. His great, great grandfather was John Bulkley Perry, an early VT geologist and congregational minister.