

Voting for Chapter Officers at annual meeting / dinner Friday, October 23, 2015

At the annual meeting, held this year at the Great Escape Lodge in Queensbury on Friday, October 23, 2015, chapter members will be invited to vote for the new officers. The nominating committee presents the following candidates for 2015.

- Chapter Chair: John Caffry
- Treasurer: Steve Mackey (re-election)
- Directors: William Wasilauski and Tammara Ryn

Please see below for the biographies of these nominees. **Additional nominations, in writing, may be submitted, by any member entitled to vote, to Laura Fiske, chair of the Nominating Committee, by close of business on Friday, October 9, 2015. Such nominations must be signed by no fewer than twelve voting members.** In the event of more than one candidate being voted into any given office the following procedure will commence at the annual meeting:

a) the Secretary will furnish a ballot containing the names of all nominees, arranged in alphabetical order, as candidates for each office. This ballot will be the exclusive means of voting for officers and directors.

b) the successful candidate for each position will be determined by a simple majority of the votes cast. For chapter members who are unable to attend the annual meeting in person, an absentee ballot will be furnished to voting members upon written request to the Secretary. These votes will be counted if received by the Chapter Secretary prior to the annual meeting.

Please note there are vacancies for Secretary and the Vice Chair positions (2). Please consider helping out your local chapter by sending candidate information to Laura Fiske.

John Caffry

I have been an ADK member since 1985. Since that time, I have served ADK in many capacities, such as member of Chapter Executive Committee since 1987; former Chapter Publicity Committee Chair and Second Vice Chair; Chapter Secretary since 2006; former member of ADK Board of Directors and Executive Committee; former chair of ADK Headquarters Committee; current member (since 1988), and former chair, of ADK Conservation Committee. I have participated in the Adopt a Lean-to program since 2003. I am a native of Glens Falls, currently living there with my wife, Ellen, and our two daughters. I am a member of the Caffry & Flower law firm in Glens Falls. Occasionally, I can find time for hiking, paddling and all varieties of skiing. Like Sarah Palin and Russia, I can see the Adirondack Park from my house (but only if the leaves are off the trees).

Steve Mackey

I have been an active member with the Glens Falls/Saratoga Chapter since the early 80s. I served as Conservation Chairman for a couple of years back when the “Crane Pond Road Closure” and the “Big Cedar Swamp & Earltown” were big issues. I also have participated in the Adopt- a- Lean-To program, with “Jungle” Jim Mosher, taking care of Ward Brook Lean-to, for over twenty five years. I lead hikes regularly and am the “Winter Weekend Coordinator”. I own and operate the Luzerne Market and have been in business for 35 years.

William Wasilauski

I have been a member of the ADK, Glens Falls/Saratoga Chapter since 2008. I have enjoyed participating in many club outings, events and activities. As an ADK member, I have volunteered for the RAGNAR Relay for the past 3 years. I do trail work with the 46ers and participated in ADK’s 2015 National Trails Day Event at Cranberry Lake. After retiring several years ago, I now work for the NYS Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Services (Disaster Assistance). In my free time, I like to walk, hike, ski (Alpine & Nordic), and go fishing.

Tammara Van Ryn

Tammara is the executive director of the Land Trust Accreditation Commission and works with land conservation organizations across the US from an office in Saratoga Springs. She has extensive experience in nonprofit governance and management and knowledge of conservation issues in New York and beyond.