



MEET THE CANDIDATES FOR WISCONSIN'S GREEN FIRE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

October 5, 2019

Note: At the annual membership meeting, Wisconsin's Green Fire members will elect Board members for two year terms. Seven nominees are listed below. Nominations can also be made from the floor.

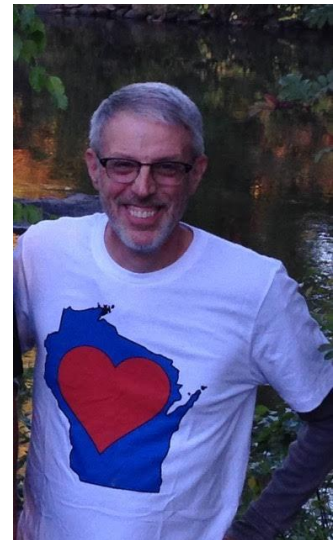
Current Board Members with terms expiring Sept 2019 and seeking re-election for two year terms.

Tom Jerow

EXPERIENCE: Tom Jerow currently serves as Board Treasurer for Wisconsin's Green Fire and is a member of the Water Resources / Environmental Rules Work Groups and the Public Trust and Wetlands Work Group. Tom has graciously offered to assist a new Treasurer. Tom retired from the Wisconsin DNR in 2013 after 34 years mostly in the water program. He was the Northern Regional Water Leader when he retired.

EDUCATION: Tom graduated in 1979 from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point with a degree in Soil Science. His graduate level work was in hydrogeology.

PERSONAL: In his retirement Tom is an avid volunteer at his local food pantry where he manages a large community garden. He has also been an active supporter of the Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin. He lives in Rhinelander with his husband Steven.



Paul La Liberte

EXPERIENCE: Paul LaLiberte serves on Wisconsin's Green Fire Board and chairs the Water Resources / Environmental Rules Work Groups.

Paul worked for WI DNR in a variety of positions related to water quality for 36 years, retiring in 2016. During his work in the Water Resources Program and later as a supervisor in several programs, he acquired a reputation as an advocate of science based decision making. Prior to that, he worked for a private engineering firm and for the US Fish & Wildlife Service.



EDUCATION: Paul received a Master's Degree from UW La Crosse - River Studies Center.

PERSONAL: Paul served as an interim Board Member for Wisconsin's Green Fire, setting up the administrative infrastructure for the organization. Paul is a member of the Wisconsin River Alliance Policy Committee and volunteers at a homeless shelter and several soup kitchens in Eau Claire and Chippewa Falls. In addition to learning tennis and bike rides, Paul likes to share his love of Wisconsin's outdoors with his children and grandchildren.

Bob Martini

EXPERIENCE: Bob Martini serves on the Board for Wisconsin's Green Fire and is a member of the Water Resources / Environmental Rules Work Groups. Bob served for 32 years with WDNR as statewide river protection coordinator leading efforts to clean up the Wisconsin River and prevent acid rain damage in northern Wisconsin. He was also involved in groundwater quality and quantity work in the Central Sands, as well as dam removal and licensing for public benefit.



Bob has received recognition for his efforts including WDNR's Career Achievement Award, the Brogan Award, and North American River Management Society.

EDUCATION: Bob earned his B.S. in Zoology from U.W.-Milwaukee, and did his graduate work in microbiology. He is a former Licensed Sanitarian and Registered Microbiologist with the American Registry of Microbiologists.

PERSONAL: Bob provided leadership for various organizations including the Oneida County Lakes and Rivers Association and has served as member of the Oneida County Board.

Michael W. Meyer

EXPERIENCE: Mike serves on the Board for Wisconsin's Green Fire and chairs the Climate Change Work Group. Mike's research with the Wildlife Section of the Bureau of Science Services at the Wisconsin DNR focused on wildlife contaminants, inland lakeshore management, and climate change. During Mike's tenure, he directed a research program that supported 9 graduate students, resulted in 75 peer reviewed publications, and brought in over \$3 million in external grant funding.



EDUCATION: Michael received his Ph.D. in Wildlife Ecology from UW-Madison in 1989.

PERSONAL: Since retiring from WDNR Mike has initiated a part-time consulting career conducting research and outreach on lakeshore restoration, citizen science projects, and

climate change in the Northern Highlands lakes region. His other part-time career is exploring the Pacific Northwest and back roads south of the Mason-Dixon line - best career change ever!

James W. Perry

EXPERIENCE: Jim Perry currently serves as Vice President of the Board for Wisconsin's Green Fire, chairs the Membership Committee, co-chairs the Communications Committee, and serves on the Development Committee. Jim spent 18 years in administration at UW-Fox Valley, while still teaching an undergraduate botany course. He served as the public face of his campus, interacting with government officials, lobbying for higher education and serving as a fund raiser for his campus. He was Professor of Biological Sciences. Retiring in 2011, he is Campus Executive Officer and Dean Emeritus. Previously he was Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Biology, Wildlife and Fisheries at Frostburg State University in Maryland.

EDUCATION: B.S. – Zoology and Secondary Education, M.S. – Botany and Zoology, Ph.D. Botany and Plant Pathology, all from UW-Madison.

PERSONAL: Jim is a lifelong outdoorsperson, hunter, and conservationist. Reading *A Sand County Almanac* as an undergraduate shaped his outlook on the natural world, and he credits Aldo Leopold for serving as his ethical compass. As a WGF board member, he hopes to foster greater public understanding of the value of science-based decision-making, and enlist sporting organizations to support the work of WGF. He is past President of the Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters, and serves on the board of Lake Superior's Big Top Chautauqua. Jim lives in rural Winnebago County with his spouse Joy (also a WGF member), and their German Shorthaired Pointer, Sharpshooter's Doppler Effect, but spends as much time as possible at their Iron County cabin.



New Nominees seeking election to the Board October 2019. If elected, terms would expire 2021.

Michael Cain

EXPERIENCE: Michael Cain is co-chair of the Public Trust and Wetlands Work Group. Michael was the lead attorney for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources wetland and surface water regulatory program for 34 years, retiring in 2009. He was involved in drafting and developing laws and regulations protecting Wisconsin's waters under the Public Trust Doctrine. He was the lead attorney for enforcement and litigation of these programs, and successfully led the DNR through hundreds of permit and enforcement cases. Michael has been involved in education and outreach to the public, Wisconsin's attorneys and consultants, and at law schools and universities. He has received numerous awards including the DNR Brogan Award for Outstanding Environmental Achievement in 1995, the Wisconsin Wetlands Association's Wetland Protection Award in 2009, and the National Wetland Award from the Environmental Law Institute and EPA in 2010.

EDUCATION: BS in Biology from UW Stevens Point in 1972 and a Juris Doctor from UW Madison in 1976.

PERSONAL: Michael continues to work on issues relating to Wisconsin's water policies and its evolving land/water ethic. In retirement he has been active with environmental NGOs, advising them on legal issues. He lives in Madison with his wife Anita Sprenger.



Bob Gurda

EXPERIENCE: Bob retired from the Wisconsin State Cartographer's Office at UW-Madison, where he wrote/edited a quarterly newsletter, coordinated a variety of initiatives across public agencies, presented workshops, monitored advances in technology, served on interagency and interstate workgroups and task forces, and responded to a wide variety of inquiries from professionals, landowners, map seekers, and students. He was heavily involved in establishing the Wisconsin Land Information Association. As a cartographer, one of his particular interests is in effective communication of complex information, especially of the physical landscape. His earlier experience was varied, including as a naturalist, nature photographer, tax auditor, and piano technician.



EDUCATION: BS in Zoology, MS Cartography, UW-Madison

PERSONAL: As a generalist student of the natural world, Bob's interests are diverse. Outside of science, he enjoys urban vegetable gardening, fly fishing, playing trumpet in a big band, and spending time at a cottage near Rhineland. He has served on the Board and as Treasurer of Dimensions in Sound and the Studio Orchestra, Inc, a non-profit organization. Bob lives in Madison with his wife Betty Craig.

Board members not up for reelection at this time. Terms expire in 2020.

Terry Daulton

EXPERIENCE: Terry Daulton currently serves as Board President of Wisconsin's Green Fire. She guided the organization from an idea to its founding in 2017. Terry is a consulting biologist and environmental educator. During her over 35 year career in natural resources she has worked for both agencies and non-profits including the National Park Service, the WDNR Bureau of Integrated Science Services, US Geological Survey, North Lakeland Discovery Center, and Sigurd Olson Environmental Institute. She continues to work with UW – Madison Center for Limnology on projects which bring artists and scientists together to develop public information and exhibitions on topics such as climate change and limnology.



EDUCATION: Terry received her B.S. in Environmental Studies from Northland College and a M.S. in Environmental Education from University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point.

PERSONAL: Terry has been involved in Wisconsin's Green Fire from its inception. She is an artist as well as scientist/educator and her paintings reflect her deep ties to the Wisconsin landscape. In addition to her work with WGF, Terry volunteers her time with her local lake association and LoonWatch Advisory Council, Terry strives to live simply (in keeping with her world view) on the Turtle Flambeau Flowage, near Mercer, WI with her husband Jeff Wilson.

Ron Eckstein

EXPERIENCE: Ron Eckstein currently serves as Board Secretary for Wisconsin's Green Fire. He also co-chairs the Public Lands and Forestry Work Group. Ron retired from WDNR after 36 years as Wildlife Biologist at Rhineland. He has worked on forest habitat issues including



biodiversity, early successional forests, and old growth forests and specialized in eagle and osprey recovery as well as wild rice conservation.

EDUCATION: Ron earned his B.S. and M.S. in Wildlife Ecology at UW-Madison.

PERSONAL: Ron continues to volunteer with WDNR on eagle/osprey and amphibian surveys. He serves on the board of the Northwoods Land Trust, chairs the Wisconsin Chapter of The Wildlife Society's Forest Issues Committee; works on forest habitat issues with Partners in Forestry and the Forest Steward's Guild, and is a member of DNR's Silviculture Guidance Team.

Thomas M. Hauge

EXPERIENCE: Tom Hauge co-chairs the Wildlife Work Group. Tom retired from WDNR after serving 24 years as Wildlife Management Program Director. During his 37 year career in wildlife conservation, Tom gained first-hand experience with the changing Wisconsin landscape from both a literal habitat perspective and in the context of social and political change.

EDUCATION: Tom is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison (B.S.-1975, M.S.-1979). His graduate research involved studying the population dynamics of a moose population in Northern Alberta, Canada.

PERSONAL: Tom lives in Prairie du Sac, WI with his wife, Mary Jon and their 11-year old yellow Labrador Maggie. Retirement priorities include an apprenticeship in household management, reconnecting with the local Sauk County conservation groups, and spending as much time outdoors as possible.



Shannon Thielman

EXPERIENCE: Shannon Thielman serves on Wisconsin's Green Fire's Communications Committee, Environmental Education Work Group, and Environmental Rules Work Group. Shannon worked for the Wisconsin DNR for 5 years in the 1990s as a special consultant on the Crandon Mine EIS. She specialized in interpreting scientific reports for the average reader and coordinating public input sessions. She then spent 3 years as the statewide Land Use coordinator for the WDNR, heading an interdisciplinary and interregional land use team and developing guidance on important land use issues. She next served in the US Peace Corps in Panama and taught environmental education and reforestation in elementary schools there. Upon return, she decided to go back to school for nursing and thus began the journey to merge her interests in public health and environmental policy.

EDUCATION: Shannon holds two Bachelors degrees:



Political Science from UW Madison and Nursing from UWGB, in addition to her Masters in Urban & Regional Planning, emphasis in Land Use Planning, from UW Madison.

PERSONAL: Shannon is a retired nurse living in rural Marathon County with her 7 year old son, whom she is raising as a budding naturalist. The out of doors has long been a passion for her. She is an avid supporter of the Natural Resources Foundation and has been “schooled” by many of the field trips experienced with them. She is a reader of natural history, and loves solitary meandering in wild areas. She interprets what she sees through her camera and is an amateur photographer and poet. She began hunting two years ago with her father and is proud to put meat on the table. She serves as a delegate to the Conservation Congress.

Outgoing Board member:

David J. Mladenoff

EXPERIENCE: David Mladenoff served on Wisconsin’s Green Fire’s Board since 2018 and was a member of the Climate Change and Forestry Work Groups. David is now taking advantage of an opportunity to live in Italy. For 25 years he has been professor of forest and landscape ecology at UW-Madison. He also worked at The Nature Conservancy western US region, and the University of Minnesota. He received the UW Romnes Research Award, Kellet Mid-Career Award, and Pound Research Award. In 2011 David was named a Distinguished Ecologist by the US Landscape Ecology Society. He has served on numerous professional committees and advisory boards, and most recently was member of the board of trustees of The Nature Conservancy in Wisconsin. He has done research in the Lake States for over 30 years, with projects on nutrient cycling, carbon dynamics in young and old-growth forests, the role of biodiversity in forest change, forest regeneration, historical forest landscape change, natural disturbance, logging effects, negative effects of biomass production, modeling repeated forest harvest, incorporating natural processes into forest management, and others. He has done modeling work looking at climate change effects on forests in N Wisconsin and Upper Michigan, and worked with forest and wildlife managers from various agencies.

EDUCATION: PhD, forest ecology, UW-Madison

PERSONAL: David is a northern Wisconsin native of Hurley.

