

Board Slate for Buffalo Audubon Society

The nominating committee recommends the following candidates for election at the Society's Annual Dinner and Business Meeting. Join us at Beaver Meadow Audubon Center on Saturday, May 5, 2018. Call the Center at 585-457-3228 for more details.

Officers:

Jeff Beich, President

Jeff Beich, a resident of Grand Island, is a retired consultant in health services research who has worked on the evaluation of major health care initiatives across the country. He has a B.A. from Allegheny College, M.A. from George Washington and Ph.D. from Pennsylvania State University. He has been a senior executive for the Muhlenberg Hospital Center (Bethlehem, PA) and an adjunct Faculty Member at Pennsylvania State University.

Vacant, Vice President

Caleb Jennings, Treasurer

Caleb grew up in Syracuse, NY, but also lived in Denver, CO for 5 years before settling down in Buffalo with his wife. He has worked as a financial advisor with Sanderson Wealth Management since graduating from the University at Buffalo with an MBA in 2005. He also received his BA in Economics from the University at Albany in 1998. Caleb enjoys the outdoors, especially with his 3 sons and wife alongside him.

Melissa Fratello – Recording Secretary

Melissa is a native Western New Yorker with a deep reverence for nature. When she is not at work or training in Tae Kwon Do with her son, Nicholas, she is hitting all of her favorite birding hot-spots. While Melissa has always cherished the great outdoors, it wasn't until Nicholas became a bird-lover that she discovered the world of bird-watching. Melissa is the executive director of Grassroots Gardens WNY. Before that, she was the Regional Director for WNY for US Senator Kristen Gillibrand. She has served as Deputy Director for the West Side and Black-Rock

Riverside Neighborhood Housing Services, and as Garden Program Coordinator for Grassroots Gardens of Buffalo. She is a graduate of NCCC, Buffalo State College, and has a Master's degree in urban planning from UB.

Directors

Marcia Nixon

Marcia is an elementary schoolteacher who retired after 41 years of classroom teaching and as Elementary Curriculum Coordinator with the Lewiston-Porter Schools. Through the years she has served in many capacities for the BAS – Board Director, Recording Secretary, Executive Committee, Education Committee Founder and Chairperson, Program Committee, and Nominating committee. Marcia is the co-chair and registrar of the Allegany Nature Pilgrimage, getting ready for the 60th annual event. Marcia's hobbies include hiking and birding, horseback riding, and traveling with husband Jim. She lives in the village of Lewiston.

Caleb Jennings

See bio above under Officers.

Annual Meeting Speaker Information

Loren Smith, Director of Network Development and Strategy at National Audubon Society, will present ***The Wingspan of Audubon*** - The programs of National Audubon extend from the Arctic North to the southern cone of South America. Come learn about how the work of Buffalo Audubon and the Audubon Network contributes to bird conservation with a hemispheric impact.