

Nominations & Elections Committee

Wednesday, August 12, 2024 | 2:00pm

1. Roll Call

- ✓ Richard Swierat, Chair (D)
- ✓ Kenneth Goldberg (U)
- ✓ Janet Schnitzer (C)
- ✓ Carla Taylor (P)
- ✓ Mary Linda Todd (G)
- ✓ Rebekkah Smith Aldrich (Staff Liaison)

2. Update on Board Election

- a. Reference: [Board Election Procedures](#)
- b. Candidates have been identified by the county associations:
 - i. Planned Vacancies:
 1. COLUMBIA: Jenny Post, Claverack
 2. DUTCHESS: Mark Williams, Stanford
 3. GREENE: Charles Kutcher, Tannersville
 - ii. Mid-Term Vacancies:
 1. GREENE: Barbara Swanson, Tannersville (through 12.31.25)
 2. PUTNAM: Kevin Finnegan, Brewster (through 12.31.27)
 3. ULSTER: Leslie Gerber, Woodstock (through 12.31.27)
- c. The Committee notes that this is an unusual amount of turnover for our board, fully a third of folks will be new after the election. Onboarding, orientation, and mentorship will be key to help our new colleagues on the board have a good experience.

3. Proposed Slate of 2025 Board Officers

- a. Reference: [2024 Timeline and Procedures](#)
- b. **ACTION:** Proposed Slate of Officers: All current officers have agreed to serve again. Given no other nominations came in prior to the deadline the Committee proposes the same officers as this year be appointed for another term. Given that the immediate past president, Ric, is leaving the board at the end of the year, the member-at-large position becomes open for 2025. Ken volunteered for this role in the absence of any other nominations. The Committee unanimously recommends carrying over the same officers as this year. The Committee, with Ken recusing himself, unanimously recommends Ken for the at-large position for 2025.
 - President: Barry Ramage (D)
 - Vice President: Rajene Hardeman (D)
 - Treasurer: Stuart Auchincloss (U)
 - Secretary: Jill Leinung (C)
 - Member-at-Large: Kenneth Goldberg (U)