

UPPER PENINSULA ENVIRONMENTAL COALITION

Notification of Election and Annual Meeting

The UPEC Board of Directors has chosen March 24th, 2017 as the date of our annual election and annual meeting.

Nomination of Directors of the Board (From Article IX of UPEC Constitution)

Section 2. Notification of the annual meeting, the report of the nominating committee, and the ballot shall be mailed to all individual and organizational members no later than 14 days before the meeting. Members may vote by mail or cast their ballots in person at the annual meeting.

Section 3. ...nominations may be made by individual or organizational members on petition signed by at least ten members and delivered to the chairperson of the nominating committee at least 45 days prior to the annual meeting.

We will post information on how to vote on our website. If you have questions, contact us at

Horst Schmidt
President

Upper Peninsula Environmental Coalition

Board of Directors Candidates – May 1, 2017 to April 30, 2019 terms of office

Horst Schmidt, currently president of UPEC, Hubbell. Comes to the UP and Keweenaw via Milwaukee and the other Eagle River (Wisconsin), moving here full-time in August of 2013. Horst has a background in social services with community organizing skills from social justice work. As he has dug into his new home, Horst sees newly invigorated communities with people willing to work together. As part of his community involvement, Horst sees a greater need than ever for environmental groups and tribes to work together, as well as drawing in other sectors to fix past mistakes and avoid future degradation. Growing, vibrant, healthy communities need to be everyone's goal.

Kathleen M. Heideman (Rydholm), Marquette. Areas of Interest: permaculture; environmental stewardship; sustainable family-owned forests; rewilding; wetland regulations; regional mining trends (esp. sulfide mining threats); eco-poetics; landscape painting. BFA Minneapolis College of Art & Design, MA Northern Michigan University; Artist-in-Residence with National Science Foundation's Antarctic Artists & Writers Program, Isle Royale N.P., Sleeping Bear Dunes N.L.; Save the Wild U.P.'s president (2014-16); joined UPEC board in 2016, Mining Action Group.

Nancy Warren, Ewen. Areas of interest: the protection of wetlands and wildlife travel corridors for large predators. Concern for loss of habitat particularly how it relates to climate change. Believe that science, not politics should dictate wildlife management decisions.

David E. Allen, Marquette. Areas of interest: forestry; Lake Superior; natural areas protection; non-ferrous metals mining in sulfide ore bodies. On UPEC Board since 1999. B.S.I.E., University of California at Berkeley, 1960; M.Eng.Admin., University of Utah, 1972; M.B.A., University of Utah, 1973; Ph.D, Quantitative Methods, University of Utah, 1980. Faculty, College of Business, Northern Michigan University, 1986-2005.

Connie Julien, Houghton. Connie Julien, Houghton. Areas of interest: non-motorized trails, forestry, Lake Superior, water quality; quality of the UP environment. B.S. and M.S. in Chemistry, and M.S. in Business Administration, all from Michigan Tech. Served on the UPEC Board since the late 1980s; first as a Coalition Rep to UPEC for FOLK, then as an At-large member of UPEC board. Currently the UPEC webmaster. Employment background: chemist, research office manager. Was an original member of FOLK Steering Committee, and was an editor of the FOLK newsletter in the 1980's.

Jon Saari, Marquette. Areas of interest: forest planning and silviculture, ecological history, protection of wild lands, sulfide mining, conservation easements on private lands, and community grant programs. B.A., Yale University, M.A. and, Ph.D, Harvard University. Employed as a historian at Northern Michigan University 1971-2005. Joined the UPEC Board in the late 1970s.

Maggie Scheffer, Iron River. Interests and concerns: eco-literacy, healthy local economies, conservation of natural resources in the Upper Peninsula, and regional resiliency to the impacts of climate change. B.S. in Early Childhood Education, University of Wisconsin-Stout; M.A. in Elementary Education, Viterbo University. Raised on a dairy farm in Wisconsin and has lived in Iron River since 1979. A retired kindergarten-1st grade teacher. Joined UPEC board in October of 2013.

Alexandra Maxwell, Marquette. Alexandra moved to the U.P. in 2008. She has a B.S. in Sociology and Native American Studies from Northern Michigan University and has been working as a massage therapist since 2006. Alexandra grew up on a small farm in Lower Michigan and has always had a strong connection to the outdoors. Environmental conservation and activism have always been close to her heart. Alex served as Fellowship Coordinator, Interim Director and Executive Director for Save the Wild U.P. between 2014 – 2016. When not busy advocating for clean water and wild places, Alexandra can be found with her friends, playing music, dabbling in photography, practicing yoga, or working with the Yellow Dog Watershed Preserve.

Grant Fenner, L'Anse. Spent 23 years in the environmental/waste and recycling industry, holding various entrepreneurial/executive leadership positions before leaving the business world to return to school to earn his Ph.D. in business administration/management. He joined the business school faculty at Arkansas State University where he taught organizational behavior and business strategy for ten years. Although recently retired, he remains deeply engaged in a wide range of outdoor activities that include paddling, hiking, cycling, and x/c skiing throughout the UP. He also serves on the board of the Peter Wolfe Chapter of the North Country Trail Association, and is actively involved in economic development issues as it relates to tourism in Baraga County. He lives with his wife Renee and three cats in the old Finnish community of Aura outside of L'Anse.

Nick Baumgart, Norway. Is currently an educator with Michigan State University Extension Service, providing statewide leadership to 4-H programs related to environmental and outdoor education and the shooting sports. He received a bachelor degree in teaching from U W - Milwaukee and a master's degree in environmental education/resource management from UW-Stevens Point. Nick was a teacher for 20 years having taught physical education, health, and environmental studies. He is happily married to Anne and they are the parents of two great kids. When not working, Nick can be found outside canoeing, bicycling, hiking, fishing, sitting in a tree, or camping.

Dave Aho, Rudyard. Born and raised in the rural UP mining community of Ishpeming in the 1960's. e youngest of seven children, he lived in a minimalistic house- hold with a strong emphasis on nature and self-reliance. Dave received a B.S. in Industrial Engineering and Technology from Central Michigan University in 1986, worked for the automotive industry in various capacities for 12 years, and is currently married to Stephanie and working at Lake Superior State University as a programmer analyst. He is a vocal advocate for what is right, with a focus on preserving the environment and enriching the lives of others and those yet to come, no matter what their species.

Steven C. Garske, Marensico. Areas of interest: Ecology, botany and plant taxonomy, wilderness and rewilding, organic gardening, alternative energy, and defining and promoting a sustainable U.P. economy. B.S. in Biology, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, and M.S. in Biology, University of Minnesota Duluth. Have worked full-time as a biologist since 2001. Served as SWUP Board Secretary since 2013.

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