

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. 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 throughout 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.

Dave Aho, Rudyard. Born and raised in the rural UP mining community of Ishpeming in the 1960's. The youngest of seven children, he lived in a minimalistic household 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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Also added to board in 2017 when others retired from the board:

Evan Zimmermann, Marquette, IT Administrator ...