

# MATC Nominating Committee Report

## *Nominations for the 2019 Slate of Officers*

In 2017, the MATC adopted 3-year staggered terms to be implemented in stages. Seven positions were filled for a one-year term. These terms expired April 2018 and were filled for 3-year terms, which will end April 2021.

Six positions were filled for a two-year term expiring in April 2019. Five of these six positions now need to be filled for 3-year terms, which will end April 2022. The sixth, a Director position, held by Laura Flight, was eliminated and replaced by the position of Campsite Overseer to which she was appointed in 2018 for a one year term expiring in April 2019. This Campsite Overseer position also now needs to be filled for a 3-year term. The Nominating Committee recommends that the people in four of the six expiring positions be re-elected for full three-year terms.

Bigelow District Overseer--Dick Fecteau does not wish to be nominated for another term. The Nominating Committee proposes Mike Blais to fill the Bigelow Overseer position.

Director--Bruce Grant was willing to serve another term but preferred to have a younger member assume the position. The nominating committee proposes Mike Stillman to fill the Director position.

The chart below shows the positions that have terms expiring in April 2018, the individuals currently in those positions, and the people that the Nominating Committee has nominated to fill those positions for the upcoming three-year term.

### **Terms Expiring in 2019**

#### **Position Current Member Recommended Nominee**

President	Lester Kenway	Lester Kenway
Corresponding Secretary	Doug Dolan	Doug Dolan
Overseer Bigelow	Dick Fecteau	Mike Blais
Overseer Katahdin	Rick Ste. Croix	Rick Ste. Croix
Campsite Overseer	Laura Flight	Laura Flight
Director	Bruce Grant	Mike Stillman

*The MATC wishes to recognize our departing Overseer of the Bigelow District, Dick Fecteau, and Director Bruce Grant for their years of extensive, generous,*

*dedicated, and critically important support to the Appalachian Trail in Maine.*

## **Executive Committee Nominee Biographies**

**President-** Lester Kenway graduated from Bates College in 1975 after majoring in "Outing Club". He worked as the Trails Supervisor at Baxter State Park for 22 years. After a 2 year term with the Land Use Regulation Commission, he became the Field Team Program Coordinator for Maine Conservation Corps until he retired from State Service in 2009. Lester owns a Trail Tool business, Trail Services, which provides equipment, support and advice to trail organizations throughout the United States. All through Lester's professional career he has also volunteered with the Maine Appalachian Trail Club and as its President for the past 10 years. Besides working on trails, Lester has enjoyed hiking and mountaineering throughout North America and in several other parts of the world. He lives in Bangor with his wife, Elsa and 2 friendly cats.

**Corresponding Secretary-** Doug Dolan is completing 3 years as Corresponding Secretary and ready for the next 3. Doug also maintains the Little Bigelow Lean-to and Campsite and is active building new Privies and rehabilitating our lean-to portfolio through the Campsite Committee. He holds a current B-Sawyer/Felling card. He also enjoys bicycling and photography. He has lived in Hollis, ME since 2000. He is currently employed as a Patent Engineer at ON Semiconductor (aka Fairchild).

**Overseer Bigelow-** Mike Blais has been a maintainer with the club for 9 years. He has been caring for the section of the AT that span from Dunn Falls south to the Frye Brook trail at the base of East Baldpate Mountain. This section includes Surplus Mountain and the Frye Notch shelter which has been under his care as well. He had also been a maintainer for the AMC for 4 years as well, caring for the 1.5 mile section of the AT just south of Mahoosuc Notch on Fulling Mill Mountain. Mike has a passion for the mountains and can be found hiking them at every available opportunity. He is also a foundryman of over 38 years and is presently in his 25th year of business at his shop, Auburn Stove Foundry Co. in New Gloucester.

**Overseer Katahdin-** Rick Ste. Croix became a member of the MATC in 1989. In 1990, he volunteered to fill in as a trail maintainer on the Holly Brook section while that maintainer was doing a thru hike. In 1992 he became the maintainer for the Gulf Hags Mt. section of the A.T., as well as the campsite maintainer, until 1998. In 1993 he became the campsite maintainer for Hurd Brook Campsite. In 1997 he became Overseer of the Katahdin District, and he serves as the trail maintainer for the section

of the A.T. from Abol Bridge north into Baxter State Park. He is also a corridor monitor in the Katahdin District, has volunteered with the FORCE Crew, the Maine Trail Crew, the Baxter Park Trail Crew, and the Campsite Committee. He is certified in chain saw use on the A.T. and has hiked all the A.T. in Maine and New Hampshire and begun to section hike the A.T. southbound in Vermont.

**Campsite Overseer** -Laura Flight is completing her first year as Campsite Overseer. Previously she served in a Director position on the Executive Committee starting in 2011. She has also been chair of the Campsite Committee since 2008. Since 2013, Laura has led the installation of 12 accessible moldering privies and is forever thankful for the dedicated volunteers in this team effort (12 down, 31 to go!). She is also a trail maintainer in the Baldpate District, and a member of the Training & Education Committee and the Landscape Protection Committee. Laura enjoys vegetable gardening, mountain biking, cross country skiing, and winter hiking. She is a hydrologic technician with the U.S. Geological Survey in Augusta.

**Director** - Mike Stillman resides in Farmington/Hampden, Maine with his wife Carmen and two dogs. He was first exposed to the beauty of Maine's wilderness in 1987 as an SCA volunteer in Baxter State Park. This was the starting point for a decade of conservation work with Baxter State Park, Maine Conservation Corps, Maine Appalachian Trail Club, National Park Service, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife. He has served on the board of Friends of Baxter State Park.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Ken Spalding, Irene Syphers Flynn, Tom Gorrill (chair)*