

## Nominating Committee Report - 2016

The nominating committee consists of John Barron, John Omohundro, and Dick Mooers.

We are pleased to present the following nominations:

For Vice Chair, Conservation - David Katz

For Vice Chair, Outings - Marianne Hebert

For Vice Chair, Membership - Randy Saumier

For Treasurer - Marie Fernandez de Alaize

David Katz: David climbed his first Adirondack fire tower at age 5 and gave his first conservation talk at age 17. A retired farmer and yogurt manufacturer, he has lived, hiked, and paddled in St Lawrence County since 1980, been a member of the Laurentian Chapter for 20 years and the chapter's Webmaster since 2005. He has served on a variety of non-profit boards, including the St Lawrence County Environmental Management Council, and looks forward to the challenge of following in John Omohundro's footsteps.

Marianne Hebert: Marianne has offered to serve a second term as Vice Chair, Outings. Besides organizing a lively and varied outing program in the chapter, Marianne has made a huge contribution to the Educational Affiliate Program for students at SUNY Potsdam and is in the process of launching a Young Members program. She is Social Media Coordinator for the chapter. She served as chapter Secretary in 2009-2011 and was local arrangements coordinator for Spring Outing in 2013. Marianne is employed at SUNY Potsdam College Libraries as a librarian and coordinator of Collection Development. She lives in Potsdam.

Randy Saumier: Randy returned to his native North Country recently after a career in engineering. He is an enthusiastic hiker and paddler, has taken part in a number of chapter outings, and has been thinking ahead to becoming a trip leader. We're pleased that he's agreed to take on Vice Chair, Membership. Randy and his wife live in Massena.

Marie Fernandez de Alaiza: Marie moved to the North Country from Florida in 2013 along with her son, who is a PhD candidate at Clarkson. She has been very active in the chapter and in the outdoors generally, in hiking, cycling, snowshoeing, and cross-country skiing. She recently completed the 46 High Peaks. Marie has experience working as a Bookkeeper and in Accounts Payable. She is currently working as Data Specialist at Cerebral Palsy Association of the North Country in Canton. We're very pleased that she's offered to become Treasurer. Marie lives in Potsdam.