

The WNPJ nominating committee recommends board approval of the 2011 Board:

CHAIR: Jim Draeger, Milwaukee. This will be Jim's second year as WNPJ Chair. See his bio at <http://www.wnpj.org/node/464>

VICE-CHAIR: Mary Beth Schlagheck, Windsor, longtime WNPJ board member and activist, continues for her second year as WNPJ Vice Chair. See her bio at <http://www.wnpj.org/node/464>

SECRETARY: Barbara Munson, Mosinee, has been on the WNPJ Board for a year now, and this will be her first year as an officer. See her bio at <http://www.wnpj.org/node/464>

NEW Proposed TREASURER: Jennifer First, Madison - new to Board. jfirst@sys-seminar.com, Jennifer is a member of Madison Pledge of Resistance and the National Campaign for Nonviolent Resistance. She is committed to working for peace and justice. She has been part of & supported many actions of nonviolent civil resistance in Madison and Washington, D.C. Jennifer is also a strong feminist, passionate about addressing systemic change in women and minority issues. She has a B.S. in Psychology and minor in Women's Studies. Jennifer is the Director of Operations at Systems Seminar Consultants, Inc., a local IT consulting company.

NEW PROPOSED BOARD MEMBERS, with bios:

Steve Carlson, member-at-large: Trego, 715-635-6416 carlsonbbv@gmail.com Steve is a retired social worker and educator, and long time peace and justice activist and organizer. He has worked with the Prairie Island Coalition Against Nuclear Storage, with WISDOM, Inc, toward criminal justice system reform in Wisconsin, and with Citizen Action of Wisconsin on health care reform issues. He also chaired the citizens group Washburn County First, which defeated a Wal-Mart supercenter proposal in Spooner, WI. Most recently he was instrumental in promoting the Iraq Moratorium throughout Wisconsin, and led the effort to pass a resolution opposing the Afghanistan war supplemental bill at the 2010 Democratic Party of Wisconsin state convention. He is an essayist and songwriter whose essays have appeared in Common Dreams and FightingBob.com, and whose music has been favorably reviewed by TimeOut London. He is currently the Wisconsin state coordinator for Progressive Democrats of America, and works as a contract organizer for the United Food and Commercial Workers Union International. Steve lives with his wife, Shelly and their dog Barney - in northern Wisconsin.

Todd Dennis, member-at-large: Madison, todd@ivaw.org, 715-533-2887, was born in Eau Claire, WI in 1979 and graduated from Mondovi High School in 1997, leaving for boot camp at Great Lakes Naval Station less than two months later. He was stationed on the USS Santa Fe (SSN-763) from August 1999 until June 2003. Todd began questioning U.S. foreign policy during his deployment, especially after the crimes committed on Sept. 11th. The invasion of Iraq sealed his opinion that he could not commit to staying in the military beyond his enlistment. Upon leaving the Navy, Todd began studies at UW-Eau Claire in Physics and in 2005 joined Veterans For Peace. In early 2006 he joined Iraq Veterans Against the War and transferred to UW-Madison for Mechanical Engineering. Since his arrival in Madison he has been active in the Clarence Kailin chapter of Veterans For Peace and has served on the board since early 2007; He is a board member of Madison VFP, Rainbow Bookstore Coop, and a co-founder of the Madison Chapter of Iraq Veterans Against the War. He has been a work-study student at WNPJ and worked as staff part-time with a focus on anti-militarism work. He now manages the kitchen at the new Veterans Transitional Housing Program and Porchlight kitchen.

Joseph Hill, member-at-large: Bay View, Milwaukee, 414.207.3960, stensler01@gmail.com, has been involved with several Milwaukee non-profits for the past 3 years. He sits on the Board of Directors for The Victory Garden Initiative whose mission is to promote local and urban food production. He also sits on the Board of Directors for Community Growers, Milwaukee's first and largest rooftop CSA/urban farm. He would like to join the WNPJ in order to be more active statewide and to work on legislative issues at the state and local levels. Joe has been nominated by WNPJ Officers to fill the empty seat left by Carol Lukens, starting August 2010.

Laura Olah, member-at-large: Merrimac, (608) 643-3124 info@cswab.org is Executive Director and co-founder of Citizens for Safe Water Around Badger (CSWAB), a community-based group working for the clean up and restoration of the Badger Army Ammunition Plant and other contaminated military sites here and abroad. Laura has served on several national panels, including the Community Involvement Advisory Group of the National ARMS Task Force, the Department of Energy's Tribal and Stakeholders' Working Group, and the Steering Committee for the Conventional Munitions Network of the Military Toxics Project. A member of the Sokaogon Ojibwa Community, Laura's work reflects her commitment to engaging and empowering workers, tribal members, and communities in decisions that affect environmental health and the integrity of the earth.

Matt Stewart, member-at-large: LaCrosse. megiziii@yahoo.com 608-784-1617 Mobile: 608 498 9903. Matt is just finishing up a degree at UW-LaCrosse, and involved with a number of environmental projects, focusing on Indigenous environmental issues. His work addresses the social effects of resource exploitation and the nuclear fuel cycle. In addition, he has been a leader in the state on social justice work particularly around race and environmental sustainability. He is deeply committed to the process of collaboration, community education and building strong relationships in forms of non-violence for organizing. He has been active with the Midwest Treaty Network, La Crosse Peace and Justice Coalition, Native American Student Association the Av Liab Foundation (Hmong for Peace).

RETURNING BOARD MEMBERS: bios on the WNPJ - website <http://www.wnpj.org/node/464>. Bill Christofferson, past co-chair, Monica Adams, Chuck Baynton, Cindy Breunig, Renee Crawford, Al Gedicks, Zohreh Ghavamshahidi, Margie Jessup, Chris Kuehnel, Tom McGrath, Janet Parker, Carl Sack, Stefania Sani, and Cecilia Zarate-Laun.

THANKS to 2009 DEPARTING BOARD MEMBERS: Dennis Bergren, Mary Jo Berner, Wix Covey, Mitzi Duxbury, Bob Hanson, Carol Lukens, Marilyn Miller, and John Peck.