

2019-20 Slate of Candidates

The East Shore Nominating Committee has completed the slate of candidates for next year's Board of Trustees and Nominating Committee positions. This slate will be voted on at the June 9th Congregational Meeting.

The positions in **bold print** are up for election. The others are informational, to provide a complete list of members who will serve during the next church year.

Board of Trustees

President	Dennis Fleck	1-year term
Vice President	Mike Radow	1-year term
Treasurer	Marcy Langrock	2nd yearly term of four max
Secretary	Jerry Bushnell	1st yearly term of four max
Trustee-at-Large	Geoff Soleck	1st year of 3-year term
Trustee-at-Large	Maury Edwards	3rd year of 3-year term
Trustee-at-Large	Paul Buehrens	3rd year of 3-year term
Trustee-at-Large	Sara Brannman	1st year of 3-year term
Trustee-at-Large	Evelyn Smith	2nd year of 3-year term
Trustee-at-Large	Mark Norelius	2nd year of 3-year term

Nominating Committee

Chair (Board-Appointed)		1st yearly term of 2 max
Member	Jeanne Lamont	1st year of 2-year term
Member	Janis Pock	1st year of 2-year term
Member	Katie Edwards	2nd year of 2-year term
Member	Martin Cox	2nd year of 2-year term

In addition to the slate of candidates from the Nominating Committee, our church bylaws allow Nominations by Petition. Members in good standing may nominate themselves or others for any position up for election. To do so, signatures of at least 15 members of the congregation must be presented to the church office at least 21 days in advance of the Annual Congregational Business Meeting, along with a signed statement from each prospective nominee of willingness to serve if elected. The deadline this year is May 19, 2019. No additional nominations will be received after the stated period.

Questions about the election process may be directed to the current members of the Nominating Committee: Connie Hirnle, Manny Brown, Kirstie Lewis, Katie Edwards, and Martin Cox.

Please join us in thanking all our candidates and current Board and Committee members for their dedication to our church!

President

Dennis Fleck



I consider myself a life-long UU beginning at a Unitarian church in Park Forest, Illinois. I participated in religious education during my elementary school years and later returned for LRY (Liberal Religious Youth) during my senior year of high school. Around 1974, my wife Jan and I joined the Valley Unitarian Universalist Church, then in Mesa and now in Chandler, Arizona, where I served as both Vice President and President of the Board. We moved to Bellevue in 1981, joined ESUC that September, and raised our two children in this church. Over the years, I have served on Building & Grounds, Finance, Personnel, ACE Sound, many capital and operating fund drives, chaired a capital campaign, and served as your Vice President and President back in

the 80s.

Professionally, I have a BSEE from the University of Colorado and an MBA from Seattle University. I spent my career in engineering, sales, engineering management, general management and executive management roles; beginning at GE in the 70s and 80s and transitioning to privately help organizations. I found my early church leadership roles in the 70s to be a great training ground for moving into business management roles. I retired in April 2018 and am looking forward to spending more time volunteering – both at East Shore and as I continue my 25-year involvement with Rotary.

I served as Vice President on the Board this year. I am honored to have been asked to serve as President and look forward to helping East Shore become the best it can be.

Vice President

Mike Radow



Previously, I attended First Unitarian in Portland, Oregon, for three months, on Thursday nights, in 1962. I joined East Shore in 2004, looking for a good choir. Both of my sons stayed in RE through OWL. Sitting in the back row of the choir was fine. Then I joined the Grounds Ministry Team, and then the Economic Justice and Second Sunday Teams. Since retiring in June, I added the Worship Team and the Beloved Racial Justice Team. I am a member of the Right Relations Facilitation Team and excited about our upcoming work. Professionally I taught history in Oregon, Morocco, Kentucky and for the last 24 years, on Mercer

Island. During many of those years I also served the Mercer Island Education Association in most leadership roles.

Treasurer

Marcy Langrock

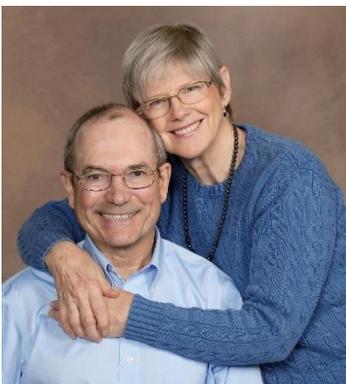


I have served East Shore as Treasurer this past year. I attend East Shore with my husband David and our three teenage sons: Alex, Nicky and Benji. We began attending in 2012 and signed the membership book in 2013. We were looking for a community that fit our family members' needs and we found that here. I have been involved in RE, teaching middle school youth group and recently was trained to be an OWL (Our Whole Lives) facilitator. I have served on the Board for the past two years, been a member of the Financial Stewardship Committee and the Holly House Development Task Force. Each of these roles has helped me understand more about the church, its needs, the concerns of membership, as well as our history and how to best look forward to the future.

As for my education and work experience, I have a BA and an MBA. I have worked as an accountant, technical writer and project manager. For the past eight years, while my children were young, I taught Montessori preschool / kindergarten. You could say that helped solidify my number facts and my ability to play well with others. I look forward to learning and growing with our community. I promise to do my best, demonstrate patience, and treat those around me with compassion and respect. I feel confident you all will do the same for me. I am blessed to be part of this community we love so much.

Secretary

Jerry Bushnell



I have been a member since the early 80s and been involved in a range of functions such as teaching RE, canvas teams, nominating teams, search team, Music Futures Task Force, and others. More recently, I have been a Board member and a middle school OWL teacher.

I retired this year after a 37-year career as a family doctor. I have been married 39 years to Karen Dawson, and all three of my (now adult) children attended church school here.

I am just completing my second year on the Board, and it has been quite challenging, as I expected. I anticipate the next year will be just as challenging and I am ready to put in the work to help the church grow and thrive. East Shore is an important place for me, and I hope that it remains a successful center for liberal religious belief.

Trustee-at-Large Positions

Evelyn Smith



Since my father was in the army, my family lived in several places in the United States as well as Korea and Germany when I was a kid. This gave me an early exposure to various cultures and an awareness of what a strong role your country of origin, race, physical and mental abilities, and financial resources can play in what a person is to become. This awareness helped to direct me to become a clinical social worker. I have always worked part-time for a non-profit agency because I love to teach, supervision and carry out the mission of a non-profit. I also still have a private practice in Bellevue.

I have been very fortunate in my marriage to Leroy and we have one daughter, Trina. She and her husband John, and their boys, Tyler, 16 and Tristan, 9, live within walking distance of us, so we get to see them often and be a real part of each other's lives. We have so much fun with our grandsons, and enjoy gardening, reading, and volunteering. Our idea of the best vacation is to get in the car and drive to one of our great national parks—or better yet, several of them!

We have been attending East Shore for 6 years. It has been hard to choose from all the possibilities at East Shore, but I am a Lay Pastoral Minister, on the Membership Team, cook and serve for the Crossroads meals program, help with the grounds and p-patch table in the summer, assist with Trinkets and Treasures, and attend as many classes as possible. I have been honored to serve on the Board for the past couple of months and look forward to continuing being a part of our growth.

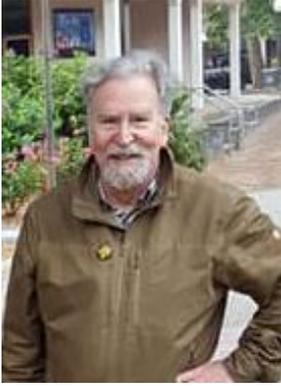
Geoff Soleck



I was born in the Chicago area and obtained a Bachelor's from Grinnell College with an inter-disciplinary major in Personality and Social Psychology. I went on to earn a Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology from the University of Iowa, where one focus of the program involved integrating multicultural issues into psychological work. I have worked in multiple settings as a psychologist, including the VA, a state prison, multi-disciplinary medical clinics, and now in a small private group practice in Tacoma. I lived in Iowa, Chicago, D.C., L.A., Portland, and the Seattle area and studied for a semester abroad in Scotland.

I first explored Unitarian Universalism after college, becoming more involved in a UU church in Costa Mesa, California, later in life joining the Tacoma UU congregation around 2012, and then moving further north and joining East Shore in 2016. I wish to bring continued healthy dialogue to issues concerning diverse problems and communities within our global society. I am married to an Indian-born citizen, also an East Shore member, and have two children, ages 2 and 4. I am hopeful that East Shore will continue to be a place in which they can thrive and learn about their own spirituality and place.

Maury Edwards



I joined East Shore in 2015. I have represented our congregation and promoted the Black Lives Matter Flash Stances through various means so that it has grown in its outreach to the present size encompassing Bellevue, Issaquah, Kirkland and Woodinville. I participated in and represented us regionally in Racial Justice, as a delegate and presenter, in last Fall's beginning of The JUUstice Washington Conference in Edmonds, and as a member of the steering committee for the regional JUUstice WA newsletter. I am the founding member and avid participant in the Alternative Service Team, here at East Shore. Professionally, I was an owner and/or manager of businesses from 1976 to 2018 and retired in September 2018. I currently am working part-time at Starbucks. I am the father of five adult children. I envision East Shore as a place where everyone feels welcome, loved and is encouraged to build community; where everyone gets their spiritual needs met; where everyone participates in an anti-racist community.

Nominating Committee Members

Janis Pock



I have been a member of East Shore since 1985. To achieve the most from being a member, active participation is key. I have served as Chair of the Religious Education Committee, taught RE classes at numerous levels, served on the Giving Tree Committee, helped with Operating Fund Drives and dinners, cooked for the homeless, and most recently chaired the Membership Team. Whom we choose as leaders will determine our future. Our leadership needs to include both long-standing and newer members who can work together to guide us in East Shore's mission. I am excited to have an opportunity to participate in the Nominating Committee in order to help with this process.

Jeanne Lamont



I have more than 25 years of non-profit fundraising experience in many different sectors including social services, arts, health care and higher education. I am currently working for the Bellevue College Foundation, and in my off hours I chase after my 10-pound mutt terrier Georgia "Georgie" O'Keeffe.

I have been a member of East Shore for more than 25 years. I have served on the Board and chaired the Operating Fund Drive twice. I have worked on many social justice projects including The Giving Tree, Second Sunday and Beloved Racial Justice. I have provided graphic design, marketing and PR support for the Beloved Racial Justice Team, Women's Perspective and East Shore LIVE.