

## 2022 PWWTU BOARD MEMBERS

Glen "Andy" Andrews



My name is Glen Andrews, known to most as Andy. I'm retired from the oil industry after 37 years of working in management at the storage terminal level. I have spent most of my retirement volunteering for TU projects, fishing, wood working in my shop, tying enough flies to last me the rest of life and, of course, doing "honey-do" projects.

My wife of 37 years and I have done our share of traveling Europe, and with one of my two daughters living in Hawaii, we have spent quality time in Maui. We have also a second daughter living in Pittsburgh with her husband and two children. And that is why we have moved from our native state of Oregon to Pennsylvania.

During my service with TU, I have been involved in a number of stream / River rehab on the Deschutes and Metolius Rivers and a number of smaller coastal rivers that supported salmon and steelhead spawning grounds, often with help from the North Coast Conservancy.

I've been active in the TU's program of C4C, or Christmas for Coho's, where the chapter collected Christmas trees after New Years for later placement into rivers that had been washed clean do to spring run off. This program has been proven effective in supporting migrating fish,

I've been active in the local chapters summer camp for 10 - 14 year old boys and girls. This program has done wonders in teaching children about conversation of natural resources. We also teach fly fishing, fly tying and the kids also learn that they can sleep in a tent overnight without being eaten by bears. During this camp I teach a course on wilderness survival. At the end of my lecture / demonstration, I give the kids a 'starter' package containing survival gear.

The parents attending my lecture have approached me after I gave my program and said they had learned a great deal on survival and suggested that they wanted to receive a starter survival kit too!

With our changing environment, the education that TU can give to others is more important than ever. I hope to continue to volunteer for TU for many years to come.

## Ed Barger



I have been fishing since the age of 3 or 4, and trout fishing since the age of 6, when my father took me to a local small stocked stream in Mercer County PA. I have been an avid fisherman ever since. Growing up in an area with large numbers of coal mines and acid mine pollution has made me appreciate the work that Trout Unlimited does to conserve existing and recover denigrated cold water resources across the country, along with other activities such as mentoring young fishermen and women in assisting with youth fishing days, providing educational opportunities such as our chapter's sponsoring intro to fly fishing and fly tying classes as well as our "Trout in the Classroom" program, to name a few of the activities that chapter members participate in. I rejoined TU several years ago and started to attend PWW meetings on a regular basis. I recently retired and feel that I now have the time to devote to becoming more active in the chapter in a leadership position.

## Ian Brown



I grew up in Calgary, Alberta, and cut my fly fishing teeth on the Bow River, which is a river that is unusual because it flows through a major metropolitan area. As such, I am familiar with the impact that a city can have on a stream, both good and bad, and I see the potential that this region has in its

rivers and warm water streams. I'll celebrate when the term "combined sewage overflow" becomes obsolete.

My focus in this area is more on warm water streams mainly because I can be on a smallmouth stream much more quickly than a trout stream. I've served on the board as Secretary now for a couple of years and am interested in continuing to contribute.

## Chuck Buffington



I am fully retired and have time and resources to devote to a leadership role in PWWTU. I have good quantitative and writing skills and an analytic approach to problems as a result of a career primarily focused on medical research.

I've served as Chair of the Membership Committee of PWWTU since 2013 and would like to become a Board member. I was informally elected President at the December, 2019 Chapter meeting and would like to continue in this role if elected to the Board.

I have prior administrative experience as the Director of the Anesthesia Residency at Univ. Pittsburgh (1994-1998), Executive Committee member and President (2009-2011), Flying Scot Sailing Association (2002-2016), and President, Four Hoopole South Condominium, Oakland, MD (2006-2012)

My vision is to involve the entire membership of PWWTU in conservation efforts in Allegheny County. We're a large chapter with the ability to organize new conservation efforts and to provide money and manpower to new as well as ongoing projects such as Pine Creek.

## Nick Cobler



Nick is a seasoned creative director, art director and visual designer hybrid with over 24 years building brands, engaging consumers and developing innovative marketing solutions for Fortune 500 and mid-market companies.

Nick began fishing the mountain streams of Potter County with his father and a few close friends over 38 years ago. He's been throwing flies whenever he gets the chance ever since all over Pennsylvania, Colorado, and Montana.

He was an instructor for LL Bean's Outdoor Discovery School for three years where he taught fly tying and casting, and organized the store's Fishing Weekend event.

Nick also researches, writes, photographs and contributes the "Fly Patterns of Pennsylvania" article to the seasonal Pennsylvania Trout publication.

As a PWWTU member, he has volunteered his time to help improve the chapter website. An interesting note – Nick was the creator of the PWWTU Cabin Fever graphic still being used to promote those events today.

In his free time, he enjoys finding and fishing new waters, tinkering behind his vise and keeping his creativity flourishing through watercolor painting and sketching.

## Nora Cline



I am a transplanted Pittsburgher who wants to share my enthusiasm and excitement for fishing and nature.

## Bryan Mathie



I spent my early years wading around in puddles collecting tadpoles. In later years growing up on the Great Lakes I watched the pollution kill fish but not invasive species of carp and zebra mussels. Protection of species and natural resources was a focus of my education (Biology BS) and remains an abiding interest.

I appreciate the importance of clean, cold, fresh water, and I have a passion to preserve it. I missed the opportunity to do TU conservation of the Driftless Area of Wisconsin when I lived in Chicago because of young children and work. Now, it seems the chance has come around again.

My idea is to assemble a group of PWWTU members with similar passion to 1. Connect with other chapters to understand current best conservation practices; 2, Evaluate potentially remedial problems in the streams of Allegheny County, including Pine Creek. 3. Partner with deep pockets in industry and government to fund specific stream projects.

## Ron Milavec



I'm active in PWWTU and many local fly fishing circles, so I can bring new ideas to the Board.

I've run programs for the Upper St. Clair Fly Fishing Club for a decade.

I organize and run the Bar Flies component of PWWTU.

I volunteer with Project Healing Waters which involves Veterans with disabilities in fly fishing and fly tying and rod building. I organize and run two classes for fly tying for the Project each month.

In addition to being an active member in PWWTU, I am also active in the Allison Park Sportsman's Club and Pittsburgh Fly Fishers.

My current fishing is focused on walleye in Lake Erie from May to September and a bi-annual trip to Alaska with friends. The largest walleye I've ever caught measured 31 inches in length and weighed in at 10#. The smallest fish was a Goby that tipped the scales at 1 oz.

My enthusiasm for fly fishing and my wide experience will be assets for the PWWTU board.

## Jamie Schroder



I'm thrilled to be a member of TU and especially the very active women's initiative.

I was raised to appreciate nature whether that was skiing, riding, or fishing with my father. Now as an adult it's been tremendous to discover fly fishing. I believe that along with enjoying the sport comes a responsibility to help maintain and conserve our freshwater streams and rivers and the land around them. I want to be a part of this and believe my lifetime spent appreciating nature combined with my keen interest in promoting this sport will help me add value to the group.

## Alani Taylor



Alani Taylor is proud to have a career in permitting oversight and compliance reviews in a way that effectively incorporates science-based education and experience. As a federal environmental regulator, first with the Office of Surface Mining in OK and now in Pittsburgh with the Army Corps of Engineers, she applies freshwater ecology to permit decisions and regulatory compliance. Alani majored in Natural Resources and earned a Bachelor of Science, with Distinction in Research (2002). A class in stream ecology developed a fascination for how fish and invertebrates were used to monitor the health of streams. She explored interests in invertebrates and wetland ecology in the Entomology department at the University of Georgia (M.S., 2007). Her honors research and graduate research have been presented and published.

Alani also demonstrates commitment to science and conservation beyond work hours. She has long been involved in reaching out to youth and in diversity and inclusion efforts. As a member of

two committees for the Society of Wetland Scientists, she spearheaded initiatives to diversify membership and has served as a student mentor. In speaking on topics such as “SWS Outreach in the Community” (2020), she shows other professionals how science extends beyond their career. While in Oklahoma, Alani volunteered with a citizen water monitoring program, collecting monthly chemical and physical data to monitor one urban stream. As a Pittsburgher, she has volunteered for organizations like the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy in biomonitoring of multiple streams and in identifying sampled invertebrates. She also donates her identification and research skills to a Chatham University fisheries laboratory.

Alani’s aim is to apply her passion and experience to watershed sustainability for the benefit of the environment and human society.