

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of Penn's Woods West Chapter of TU
From: Chuck Buffington, Chair, Nominating Committee
Re: Nominations to the Board for 2024
Date: January 3, 2024

Election of Board Members will occur during the PWWTU Annual Meeting that starts at 7 pm on Monday, January 8, 2024. The meeting will be held in "The Barn" at Christ Church at Grove Farm, off the Nebo Road exit of I-79.

This year, there are three openings on the Board that need to be filled, and three people have volunteered to serve for 3-year terms. Please see attached Candidate Statements.

Nominations from the floor are welcome.

2024 Candidate Statement – 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, providing public outreach and 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.

I have been a PWWTU board member, and treasurer since 2018. I also serve as a liaison between our chapter and the neighboring Forbes Trail TU chapter, as I live on the boundary between the two chapters.

I would like to devote this term on the board to wrapping up my responsibilities as treasurer and training a replacement. I plan to continue my active involvement with the chapter.

2024 Candidate Statement – Roger Dice



My name is Roger Dice. I fished for trout with my father and grandfather starting at age 12 using worms we dug up in our vegetable garden. In 1982 I “graduated” to fly fishing and joined TU. I’ve been a Life Member of TU since 1999.

I am a mechanical engineer and have retired from a broad-based career in the design, construction, operation and maintenance of building envelopes and infrastructure. My wife and I have been married for over 53 years and have lived in Allegheny County for most of that period. We travel throughout the US and Europe enjoying retirement after our 40-year careers.

Along with Trout Unlimited, I belong or contribute to The Sierra Club, World Wildlife Fund, National Parks Conservation Association and the National Wildlife Federation.

I have assisted PWWTU with Cabin Fever and the Dunbar Creek clean-up. I also participated in a stream monitoring program to monitor the effect of the Marcellus Shale Gas exploration on local streams in Allegheny County. Our efforts established base line data for conductivity, total dissolved solids, and pH at various levels of stream flow. We surveyed sections of Pine Creek, Buffalo Creek and Deer Creek.

Along with fishing the streams in Potter County, I helped stock trout in Kettle Creek and the West Branch of Pine Creek. I always clean trash from the streams I fish.

I have come to appreciate the necessity of responsible stream management through my personal experiences and through membership in many conservation organizations, including TU. If I am elected to the PWWTU Board of Directors I plan to help lead our efforts in conservation and environmental stewardship.

2024 Candidate Statement – Jamie Schroder



I started fishing as a child with my father in Vermont and Connecticut as a young child, and he was kind enough to put the worms on the hooks for me at the beginning! I began fly fishing only 6 years ago but have been able to take advantage of many fishing opportunities with trips to Montana, Wyoming, New Mexico, Alaska and Chile. I'm in my waders for frequent PA outings with the PWWTU women's group.

I believe that conservation of our resources is extremely important. I make an effort to pick up trash, old fishing line, and other discarded items along our waterways to help protect this valuable resource.

I'm currently a member of the PWWTU Board and have served as Membership Chair and currently Secretary. I've helped organize the Flea Market at Cabin Fever, our Women's and Diversity initiative, and stream clean ups, I've shared travel insights from my trip to Chile at a Chapter Meeting.

If elected, I plan to continue providing insight and energy to these Chapter efforts.

