

## Summary of the November 13, 2014 Nominees for Positions on the Sustainable Tallahassee Board of Directors, effective January 1, 2015

### **Leighanne Boone**

Leighanne is a new member of Sustainable Tallahassee. She is an attorney and also has an MS degree in Environmental Management with a Concentration in Global Environmental Change and Energy Resources. She currently serves as an Assistant General Counsel with the Florida Department of Transportation. Her education provided opportunities for numerous environmental internships, including with the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy, ReThink Energy Florida, Marine Geospatial Ecology Lab at Duke University, Defenders of Wildlife, Audubon of Florida, the Sierra Club Headquarters in Washington DC, and others. She is keenly aware of the need to insure sustainability in Florida and wants to be a part of the solutions.

### **Tom Cordi**

Tom has served on the Board of Directors of Sustainable Tallahassee for two years. He is the Assistant Lab Director of Business Administration at the FSU Mag Lab. Previously Tom was with UC Berkley for many years, and he also served as Sustainable Tallahassee's first Executive Director. He is the current chair of Sustainable Tallahassee's Renewable Energy Advocacy Committee.

### **Matthew DeStefano**

Matthew DeStefano is a new member of Sustainable Tallahassee. He is a Research and Marketing Specialist at FSU's Institute for Applied Business Research. He develops research-based marketing strategies and frequently is involved in marketing efforts to educate and attract state and business employees to commute to work by more environmentally-friendly means. Matthew has a BS degree in Finance and Applied Economics and was attracted to Sustainable Tallahassee's mission to "promote environmental stewardship through education and economic development", which is in line with his views and values.

### **Ken Goldberg**

Ken has been a member and served on the Sustainable Tallahassee Board of Directors for two years. He is an attorney with a special focus in land use management to sustain communities in a positive way that preserves their resources and character. Ken has served on several ST committees and is a strong participant in ST events.

### **Yvonne Gsteiger**

Yvonne is a new member of Sustainable Tallahassee. She is an attorney with an emphasis in environmental law and is currently employed with the Florida Legislature. Her background includes positions as a Senior Cabinet Advisor for Environment and Land Use in the Florida Department of Financial Services, Director of Grants and External Affairs with the Everglades Foundation, Adjunct Professor at FSU and FAMU, and Senior Policy Analyst with the South Florida Water Management

District. Yvonne's well-rounded life includes playing Hammer dulcimer and Irish flute in a Celtic band and competitive bicycling.

### **Anne Harvey**

Anne is a new member of Sustainable Tallahassee, but has been a recipient of our newsletters and other emails since attending a September, 2012 Green Drinks event. She is an attorney with a BA in Environmental and Economic Sustainability and an MS in Aquatic Environmental Science. She has recently conducted research on marine microbes from the Gulf of Mexico "Dead zone", and she was previously an Associate attorney with Earthjustice and a legal intern with the Sierra Club Environmental Law Program. Anne has public speaking experience, a history of nonprofit environmental advocacy, and is enthusiastic about engaging volunteers to take a more active role in Sustainable Tallahassee.

### **Bob Henderson**

Bob has served on the Sustainable Tallahassee Board of Directors since 2011. He is a member of Florida Audubon and a former Leon County Commissioner. It was through Bob's initiative that Sustainable Tallahassee's Community Carbon Fund gifted 110 live oak trees for community planting at Tallahassee's January, 2014 Arbor Day.

### **Matthew Kopka**

Matt is a new member of Sustainable Tallahassee. He has a Ph.D. in Interdisciplinary Ecology and works in the Leon County Office of Sustainability. He is a member of the Tallahassee Food Network and on the board of the Frenchtown Heritage Market. Matt volunteers with the iGrow Youth Garden in Frenchtown and at Cornerstone School, and he is an advisory board member for a newly awarded USDA funded project involving food in the Frenchtown neighborhood. After five years' work in Gainesville and in the Caribbean, Matt is eager to fully engage in Tallahassee where his wife is an English professor at FSU.

### **John Leeds**

John has been a member of Sustainable Tallahassee since March, 2013. He is a Senior Management analyst in the Office of Energy at the Florida Department of Agriculture and consumer Services. Among his many roles there, he has served as a liaison and coordinator for the Florida Energy Systems Consortium, planned and moderated the 2011 and 2012 Florida Energy Summit, and co-authored the Florida Office of Energy Annual Report. In addition to his MS degree in Public Administration, John studied and achieved a "Solar Power Professional" certificate and is designated a "Renewable energy Professional" by the American Energy Engineers. He serves as a member of Sustainable Tallahassee's Renewable Energy Advocacy Committee and has been instrumental in much of the research support for the committee.

### **Lorilee Medders**

Lorilee is a new member of Sustainable Tallahassee. She is a teacher and researcher at FSU. Her background includes utilities risk management consulting, and she directs the Florida Catastrophic Storm Risk Management Center at FSU. She is experienced in energy, land use planning, financial management, public speaking, and organizational and project management. Lorilee also serves on the Board of Directors for the American Association of Water Distribution and Management, and on the Florida Commission on Hurricane Loss Projection and Methodology. She volunteers with the Covey Film Festival.

### **Tom Montalbano**

Tom is a CPA and has served on the Sustainable Tallahassee Board of Directors for two years. Through his firm, Carr, Riggs, & Ingram P.A., he provides accounting and payroll services at no cost for Sustainable Tallahassee, an invaluable contribution to our organization. Tom serves as Sustainable Tallahassee's Treasurer.

### **Rosa Ramos-Morgan**

Rosa has served on the Sustainable Tallahassee Board of Directors for two years and has been a member of Sustainable Tallahassee since 2009. She is a Community Development Consultant and publisher of "Green Tallahassee" blog. Rosa has experience in organizational governance and has strong ties within the local food community.

### **Carly Sinnadurai**

Carly is a new member of Sustainable Tallahassee, but has been a recipient of our newsletters and other emails since 2010, when she became the Executive Director of The Sharing Tree, which was opened that year through a collaboration of Sustainable Tallahassee, Leon County, Leon County Schools, and Goodwill. Carly is an art educator with experience in re-use, recycling, event planning, and waste management. Education has always been one of Carly's top priorities, and she wants to use her experience, creativity, and strong community ties to "give back" by participating in Sustainable Tallahassee's leadership. She asserts that ST is the forum from which several of our community partnerships have been created.

### **Fabio Vargas**

Fabio has been a member of Sustainable Tallahassee since August, 2013. He has experience in state government, grants management, grant writing, research, and program implementation. His passion is alternative transportation, and he serves as a member of Sustainable Tallahassee's Alternative Transportation Committee. He also has experience establishing a local green business and appreciates the resources Tallahassee has to offer for start-ups. Fabio has participated in a number of ST events and believes that Sustainable Tallahassee makes an impact on sustainable practices in the community.