

2020 Board Nominations - President Elect

Name: Matt Marsden

Position: President-Elect

Title: Outdoor School and Summer Camp Assistant Director, Shaver's Creek Environmental Center

Education: Slippery Rock University - M.S. Park and Resource Management (2016)

The Pennsylvania State University (PSU) - B.S. Recreation, Park, and Tourism Management (2006)

Focus: Park Management and Environmental Interpretation

Training

PSU Outreach and Online Education Mentorship Award for Summer Camp (2019), Penn State University Annual Ethics and Compliance Training, including Conflicts of Interest Disclosure, Penn State University Hazard Communication Training, National Association for Interpretation Certification (2009)

Experience:

Shaver's Creek Environmental Center at Penn State University Petersburg, PA

Outdoor School and Summer Camp Assistant Director, 2012 to Current

Outdoor School Program Assistant (3rd Director), 2009 to 2012

Outdoor School is a residential environmental education program serving about 700 5th graders over the course of two seasons each school year, and includes about 125 PSU student Cabin Counselors and about 20 PSU student and Shaver's Creek intern Learning Group Leaders each season. Summer Camp runs day programs that serve about 450 youth ranging in age from 4-14, and includes about 100 teenaged Leaders-in-Training and about 16 staff Naturalists.

Summer Camp Interim Director, 2017

This responsibility was taken on between hires for the Director position and included everything listed above except at a Director level, with guidance from the Shaver's Creek Director. This year's program also had to be planned for and ran off-site at a new location because Shaver's Creek was under construction.

Environmental Education Intern, School Year 08/09

Taught in various residential and day programs for pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade; Visitor Center Services; help care for live animals including 21 birds of prey, 7 snakes, 9 turtles, and a toad; general maintenance and construction skills in a wood and/or machine shop.

Waskowitz Outdoor School North Bend, WA

Logistics Manager, Naturalist, and Interim Dorm Advisor, 2007/08 School year

Managed equipment for an environmental education program of 100-150 students/week. Led lessons and hikes (usually for 25 6th grade students with high school leaders and class teacher) on environmental subjects. Provided support and guidance for high school aged cabin leaders, monitor dorm behavior and time management (one week only). Interpreted for a 4th grade living history program.

Stone Mountain Adventures Summer Camp Huntingdon, PA

Residential Camp Adventure Recreation Counselor, Summers 2006 to 2010

Led groups of teens in outdoor activities including rock climbing, canoeing, sailing, whitewater rafting, sports and hiking. Involved knowledge and skills to motivate individuals and groups, creating a functioning community of diverse people, resolving conflict, and logistically running a program with multiple staff involving equipment, travel, activity knowledge, and emergency preparedness.

Shaver's Creek General and Extra Responsibilities

- Strategic Planning and resulting committee work (2012, 2016, 2019)
- Kids Corner Director Direct seasonal programs for pre-K participants and their guardians
- Serve as an Intern Advisor seasonally, about once a year
- Contribute to weekly staff meetings, annual retreats, intern orientations, and season-ending reviews and celebrations
- Staff the two annual festivals: the Enchanted Halloween Trail and Maple Harvest Festival
- Provide feedback during hiring processes
- Discovery Trip Staff Assist in leading a 10-day professional development trip for PSU SEED Semester students (Students Engaging in Experiential Discovery) (2018, 2020)
- Intern Professional Development Staff - Assist in leading trips to various destinations such as the Carnegie Museum of Natural History, the National Aviary, Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area during Snow Goose Migration, Benjamin Olewine III Nature Center, Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens, Clyde Peeling's Reptiland, Hawk Mountain, and the Penn State Arboretum and Herbarium.
- Pennsylvania Farm Show Program Staff, Assistant co-Director (2012) - Update and implement exhibits and program themes, organize staff scheduling and supervision, provide non-captive environmental education for thousands of people over the course of a week, evaluate program. (2009-2018)
- Forest Management Technician - Remove invasive plants, rescue and propagate native plants, thin trees with PSU chainsaw user certification and tractor. (Winter of 2010, Summer and Winter of 2011)

Professional Accomplishments: Organizational Leadership

PAEE Member, PAEE NorthCentral Regional Director 2018-present, 2021 Conference Co-chair

Presentations - Pennsylvania Association of Environmental Educators Conference Presenter (2015, 2016, 2017)

Topics: Creating and Adapting EE Activities; 3rd Person Interpretation; Butterflies, Pollinators, and Citizen Science; Nature, Myths, and Legends; Programming Swap

American Camp Association National Conference Co-presenter (2017), Topic: Conveying Camp Values to Non-Camp People

American Camp Association Keystone Conference Co-presenter (2011), Topic: Teaching Ecology with Camp Games

Pennsylvania Association for Sustainable Agriculture Conference Youth Program Presenter (2011-2013)

Hobbies: Hunting; fishing; crafting for wild edibles and naturalizing in general areas such as birding, herpetofauna, insects, wildflowers, etc.; rock and ice climbing; mountain biking; hiking; boating; river snorkeling; trail running; visiting recreational and educational sites such as national, state and county parks, forests and natural areas, museums, cultural and historical sites; composing and performing music; soccer and skiing, and backyard food production.

2020 Board Nominations - Treasurer

Name: Pat McKinney

Position: Treasurer

Title: Environmental Education Coordinator

Agency: Schuylkill Conservation District

Education: BS with a Distinction in Natural Resources with an emphasis on Environmental Interpretation from The Ohio State University

Experience: For the past 40 years Pat has provided environmental education programming for people of all ages with a special emphasis on schools, nature center development and public programming. I have known Pat for many years and I can say he is a master at his craft, and is affectionately known throughout the EE field as "Porcupine Pat." He has been a member of PAEE since the early 1980's and has been a member of the PAEE Board for many years and held the position and title of Treasurer for the past 20 years.

Professional Accomplishments: He is a recipient of the prestigious Sandy Cochran Award for Excellence in Natural Resources Education from the PA Forestry Association in 2005, the 2007 Schuylkill Pride Award, the 2010 Schuylkill Outdoors Personality of the Year and a recipient of the 2013 PA Association of Environmental Educators "Outstanding Environmental Educator Award".

Hobbies: Pat enjoys visiting natural areas, bicycling, gardening, hiking, and doing home renovations.

2020 Board Nominations – Member at Large

Name: Elizabeth Masi

Position: Member at Large

Title: Ecologist, Shoener Environmental

Education: Graduate Certificate, Project Management- Penn State University; B.S Ecology, Conservation, Environmental Biology, Indiana University of Pennsylvania; Wetland Delineation Training; Green School Training

Experience: Environmental Education Coordinator, The Graham Academy 2018-2019 ; Ecologist, Shoener Environmental 2019-Present; Volunteer Environmental Educator, Misercordia Autism Center 2020- Present; Marketing/Fair Coordinator, Wyoming Valley Mushroom Club, 2019-Present.

Professional Accomplishments: Vice President, Wyoming Valley Mushroom Club; Member, PAEE; 2020 Daisy S. Klinedinst Memorial Award, PAEE; 2018 Garden of Distinction Award, PHS.

Hobbies: Mushroom foraging, woodworking, mountain biking, rock climbing, road cycling, and long distance running

Name: Sara Klingensmith

Position: Member at Large

Title: Environmental Educator and Naturalist, Powdermill Nature Reserve

Education: Bachelors in Science from the University of Alaska, Fairbanks

Experience: 6 years as an Environmental Educator- Outdoor Classroom, Allegheny Land Trust, and currently working full-time at Powdermill Nature Reserve. Other past employment: Geese Police of Western PA. Volunteer: Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve as a volunteer naturalist. Volunteered for Little Sewickley Creek Watershed stream survey. In college, I volunteered at the Museum of the North in fossil prep.

Professional Accomplishments: Member of PAEE, Certified in wetland delineation (2013), and currently enrolled in the National Geographic Educator Certification program (expected completion: June 14)

Hobbies: wildlife art (colored pencil), hiking, fitness, and photographing mushrooms and flowers

Name: Camila Rivera-Tinsley

Position: Member at Large

Title: Director of Education, Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy

Education:

Camila Rivera-Tinsley is the director of education for the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy. She leads the conservancy's growing slate of all-ages, environmental education programming and helms the Frick Environmental Center, the first publicly owned Living Building in the United States. Before serving in her current role, she attended The Pennsylvania State University and subsequently secured a position at The Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education, where she worked for 14 years, stewarding programming and mentoring hundreds of students and early career professionals. It was at the Schuylkill Center that she began to realize that urban environmental education, and ensuring the diversity of the field, was her true life's passion. She helped to start a small environmental non-profit focused on people color and continues to use her voice to highlight the concerns of underserved populations. With an extensive background in

environmental education, horticulture, permaculture, and urban agriculture, Rivera-Tinsley serves on the Environmental Education Advisory Council for the state of PA. Camila's 17-year history of serving her community through her profession, volunteer work, and as an adviser to environmental organizations of color have formed and cemented her passion for providing opportunities to connect all peoples to green spaces in their community.

Experience: The Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy, Pittsburgh PA 8/16- Present

Director of Education, Director of the Frick Environmental Center

Develop a full suite of public programming and school based programming. Manage a programming and facilities budget of \$1.2 million. Provide leadership through staff development and workshops. Manage strategic partnerships.

The Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education, Philadelphia PA 6/11- 7/16

School Programs Manager

Developed a program plan and framework for evaluation. Managed a School Programming budget of \$75,000. Provided leadership through staff development. Planned and facilitated teacher workshops and trainings. Fostered relationships with schools, teachers and educational entities throughout the city of Philadelphia. Coordinated the Philadelphia County Envirothon. Managed hiring, scheduling and evaluation of part-time and seasonal staff. Manage school partnerships. Cultivated strategic community partnerships. Wrote and managed grants totaling 40,000/yr to support education programming. Managed youth mentoring program.

The Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education, Philadelphia PA 6/09- 6/12

Farm Manager/ Summer Camp Director

Set priorities and strategic vision for The Schuylkill Center's Education Farm site and programming. Oversaw program administration and marketing efforts. Hired, supervised and evaluated part-time and seasonal staff. Developed and managed a \$50,000 farm budget and ensured overall budget neutrality within the overall scope of the organizational budget. Cultivated community partnerships in order to increase organizational capacity for the farm.

The Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education, Philadelphia PA 6/02- 6/08

Summer Camp Director/Lead Environmental Educator

Provided leadership and vision for the Center's summer camp program. Hired, supervised and evaluated part-time and seasonal staff. Taught important aspects of environmental science and through the use of both formal and informal educational experiences. Produced place-based, interpretive educational materials. Developed year-long environmental science curriculum for Green Woods Charter School. Managed after-school program.

The Pennsylvania State University Department of Entomology University Park, PA 9/01-5/02

Lab/Research Assistant

Professional Accomplishments: Memberships, affiliations and committees:

2019-present WQED: Community Advisory Board member

2018-present Black Environmental Collective: Advisory Committee

2014-2016 PA Environmental Education State Consortium: Steering Committee and Leadership Team

2014-present PA Environmental Education State Consortium: Community of Learners member

2014- present North American Association of Environmental Educators: Diversity Committee

2012-present North American Association of Environmental Educators

2013-present Mill Creek Urban Farm: Interim President of Board of Directors, Treasurer

2012-present Let's Go Outdoors: Education and Programming consultant

2011-present Certified Permaculturist

2003-present Association of Conservation Educators

Presentations:

Rivera-Tinsley, C. 2014 Addressing the State Diversity in Environmental Non-Profits. Presentation at the Association of Conservation Educators Quarterly Meeting. March 2015

Rivera-Tinsley, C. 2012 Worms Make the Best Fertilizer: Vermicomposting 101. Presentation at the 2012 Home Grown Institute

Rivera-Tinsley, C., Donahue, J. 2011 Earth-Friendly Soil-Building, Pest Management and Garden Design. Four week workshop

Rivera-Tinsley, C. 2011 Gardening with Kids Blogspot <http://pennyandferngardeningwithkids.blogspot.com/>

Rivera-Tinsley, C. 2010 Schuylkill Center: Down on the Farm. Interview for Mind TV

Rivera-Tinsley, C. Strategies for Teaching IPM Indoors and Outdoors. Presentation at the 2007 PAEE conference

P. Tobin, S. Nagarkatti, and M. Saunders. 2003. Phenology of Grape Berry Moth (Lepidoptera: Tortricidae) in Cultivated Grape at Selected Geographic Locations. Environmental Entomology

Hobbies: Her true motivation lies in creating a more verdant and inclusive future for her 14year-old daughter.

Name: Josh Osowiecki

Position: Member at Large

Title: 2020 College Graduate

Agency: Intern-Lehigh Valley Regional Homeless Advisory Board (LVRHAB)

Education: Bachelor of Science in Public Health - Moravian College

Experience: Founded a charitable organization focused on environmental sustainability and conservation; participant in meetings of LVRHAB (above) and Catalyst 4, a Lehigh Valley- wide effort to provide job training in the construction trades for those reentering from prison or are otherwise unemployed or hard to employ, development of affordable housing, and elimination of blight; assisted in HUD-mandated point-in-time count of homeless population in Lehigh Valley; attended multiple environmental awareness conventions; volunteered in countless environmental cleanups; attended many environmental lectures; daily volunteer at soup kitchen during COVID-19 to assure meals are distributed to those in need.

Specific to the Member at Large Board Position:

A. As a board member of multiple clubs at Moravian, including the Sustainability Committee, Josh often had to either help facilitate or lead lengthy meetings of groups of people from 4 to 30.

B. Josh's life experience coupled with his college education has equipped him with the tools to communicate effectively and precisely both orally and in writing.

C. Josh is aware of and has experience with all three environmental education methods (discussion, demonstration, project). The seminars he has attended and classes he has taken on environmental health have provided him with the tools to develop various environmental education activities and curriculum.

D. During his four years at Moravian College he has demonstrated the ability to complete tasks in a professional manner and within the given time frame. He has also demonstrated that he is flexible, adapting to changing requirements and expectations.

Professional Accomplishments: Board Member - Moravian College's Sustainability Committee; Treasurer - Moravian College's Environmental Coalition; Secretary - Moravian College's Spanish Club; Secretary - Moravian College's Habitat for Humanity; Completion of a semester long project analyzing the current and future impact of Engineered Nanomaterials (ENMs) on our environment and population.

Hobbies: Hiking, Running, Biking, Camping, Reading on social and environmental justice

2020 Board Nominations – Southcentral Region Director

Name: Kim Schubert

Position: Southcentral Region Director

Title: Environmental Education Specialist

Agency: Kings Gap Environmental Education Center, DCNR

Education: I have an M.S. Environmental Education from Southern Oregon University. As a graduate assistant, I coordinated the development of day and residential environmental education programs for local schools. From the University of Maryland, I earned a B.S. Environmental Science and Policy. I have completed various environmental education related trainings including: Project WILD Facilitator Training, DCNR's Watershed Education Educator Workshop, the Certified Interpretive Guide program, and the Leave No Trace Trainer Course. I have helped facilitate Project WET and Project WILD. In the past I have received training to facilitate high and low ropes courses including a zipline and alpine tower; and to lead adventure programs such as backpacking, canoe camping, caving, and top-rope rock climbing.

Experience: I have over 10 years of environmental education experience. Most recently, I filled in as the Southcentral Regional Director for PAEE starting in January 2020. During my four months of service, I started a monthly newsletter and created a regional Facebook group. The group has nearly 80 members – double the number of people reached by the newsletter. I also scheduled Zoom meetings to allow EE people to share and practice new virtual programs in order to keep up with our changing world. I am in my third season as an Environmental Education Specialist at Kings Gap Environmental Education Center. I develop and teach EE programs for school groups and the public, facilitate teacher trainings, and coordinate events including the park's largest annual event - Garden Harvest Day. As a Project Coordinator with Audubon Pennsylvania, I managed a watershed education program (in-class and field experiences) for underserved students in York and Harrisburg. I also served on a committee, in partnership with DCNR, to edit and update the Songbirds curriculum book. In Oregon, I was a student board member for the Friends of the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument. My primary role was to be a liaison between the non-profit and the Environmental Education Masters Program at Southern Oregon University. For nearly three years I worked as a Teacher Naturalist at the Echo Hill Outdoor School on the coast of the Chesapeake Bay. It was intense work with long hours and terrible food, but worth the experience! We crabbed on the bay with chicken necks, waded through a swamp nature preserve, slept in canvas tents, acted out the Lorax, camped on a restored Skipjack sailboat, and cooked hotdogs on the beach.

Professional Accomplishments: I have served as the Southcentral Regional Director for PAEE since January 2020. In 2013, I was the Student Board Member for the Friends of the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument. I was the liaison between the non-profit and the university. While earning my Master's, I was chosen from my cohort to be the Environmental Education Coordinator Graduate Assistant. In this role, I led the development of day and residential environmental education programs - this included forming committees, facilitating meetings, and assigning tasks. I am certified to facilitate Project WILD, DCNR's Watershed Education Program, and Leave No Trace. I am also a Certified Interpretive Guide through the National Association of Interpretation.

Hobbies: When I am not working, I am usually hiking. I enjoy nature photography, nature journaling, and eco-art. I like to find something new in nature and research it. Other interests include writing, editing, graphic design, playing clarinet (I am in the community band), and camping.

2020 Board Nominations – Southeast Region Director

Name: Mandy Nix

Position: Southeast Region Director

Title: Water Education Specialist, Stroud Water Research Center

Education: University of North Carolina at Asheville, Asheville, NC 12/2016

B.S. Environmental Studies, Ecology and Environmental Biology

Certification Highlights

- Certified Project WILD Facilitator (2019), inc. Project WILD, Proyecto WILD, Flying WILD, WILD About Elk, Science & Civics: Sustaining Wildlife, and Pennsylvania Biodiversity
- Certified Project WET Facilitator (2018), inc. Project WET, Healthy Water Healthy People, and Getting Little Feet Wet
- Certified PA Meaningful Watershed Educational Experiences (MWEE) Ambassador (2018)
- Certified in USFWS/NCTC Principles of Electrofishing and Electrofishing Safety (2018)
- NAI--Certified Interpretive Guide (2018)
- Certified NC Environmental Educator (2017)
- Explore my Educator Spotlight on NCEE's Teachable Moments blog.
- Certified Leave No Trace Trainer (2017)
- WV DEP Save Our Streams Instructor (2017)
- Disaster Services Trained, Volunteer WV (2017)
- Trained in various citizen science, interpretive design, and environmental education curricula, including the Leaf Pack Network, FrogWatch USA, and WV Save Our Streams (2012 - Present)

Experience: Stroud Water Research Center, Avondale, PA 07/2018 - Present

Watershed Education Specialist

Collaborate with full time and part time environmental education staff to achieve over 8,000 annual face to face impacts with diverse K through gray audiences during youth education programs, adult professional development (PD) trainings, conference presentations, and public outreach events

Through both off site and on site education programs with school groups, Scout groups, families, teachers, non-formal environmental educators, citizen scientists, and watershed professionals, foster meaningful educational experiences that lead to lasting literacy in watersheds, best management practices, responsible land use, aquatic benthic macroinvertebrates, water quality monitoring, water science technologies, and other topics related to freshwater stewardship

Schedule, coordinate, and develop meaningful programs for Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, and Scouts BSA as the key contact for Scout education, including badges/journeys, stream studies, stewardship action projects, overnight camping programs, and the first ever Trout Unlimited STREAM Girls in southeast PA

Pioneered new pathways and partnerships to help establish the Girl STEM Education Programs Fund to enrich high-quality, accessible, and freshwater focused E-STEM education for local K-12 girls

Trout Unlimited, Appalachian Forest Heritage Area AmeriCorps, Davis, WV 08/2017 - 07/2018 WV

Volunteer Restoration & Monitoring Organizer

North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences, Raleigh, NC 07/2017 - 11/2017 Contracted Birthday Party Instructor

North Carolina Botanical Garden, Chapel Hill, NC 05/2017 - 8/2017 Nature Explorers Camp Educator

Mountain Trail Outdoor School, Hendersonville, NC 02/2017 - 05/2017 Environmental Education Instructor

University Writing Center at UNC-Asheville, Asheville, NC 08/2013 -12/2016 Writing Consultant

The Duke Lemur Center, Durham, NC 05/2015 - 08/2015 Education & Development Intern

Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge, USFWS, Kodiak Island, AK 05/2014 - 08/2014 Environmental Education Intern, Kodiak Science & Salmon Camp

Marbles Kids Museum, Raleigh, NC 05/2013 --â€ 08/2013 Museum Host

Volunteer Experience

- AmeriCorps Conservation Partners, Appalachian Forest Heritage Program,

WV 09/2017-Present: Survey and Monitoring Volunteer

- Western North Carolina Science Olympiad, Asheville, NC 03/2014, 02/2015, 02/2016; Designer and Judge for Write It, Do It. Judge for Green Generation.

- Girl Scouts Carolinas Peaks to Piedmont 12/2013 - 05/2015: Troop Leader (Daisies and Brownies)

- Kodiak Refuge Landbird Monitoring Program, Kodiak, AK 06/2014 - 07/2014; Mistnetter and Bander

- UNC-Asheville Super Saturdays for K-Gifted Students, Asheville, NC 10/2014 --â€ 12/2014; Science Educator for Zoology, Animal Behavior, and Stream Ecology stations

- UNC-Asheville Overlook Hall, Asheville, NC, United States 08/2013 -05/2014 Overlook Hall Sustainable Initiatives Director

Professional Accomplishments: See listings in other sections

Hobbies: When not actively engaging K through gray audiences in freshwater systems and stewardship, I enjoy exploring new hiking trails, tending to my houseplant jungle, foraging like a Nifferler for well loved treasures at yard sales, and nurturing my indoor vermicomposting empire (2000+ worm children!).

Name: Tarsha Scovens

Position: Southeast Region Director

Title: Founder and Director of Programming, Let's Go Outdoors

Education: BA, Virginia Wesleyan College; MA, LaSalle University; Certificate, PA Master Naturalist

Experience: 20 years leadership, programming and coordination experience, along with a passion for the outdoors. Director of Programming (10 years): Let's Go Outdoors - Develop and/or oversee environmental education and outdoor recreation initiatives within the Philadelphia area. Volunteer Teacher (4 years): Keep Philadelphia Beautiful - Visited School District of Philadelphia schools to offer lessons on recycling, litter and composting. Environmental Education Consultant (4 years): Fairmount Water Works - Provide tours for school/student/adult groups on the "history of Philadelphia's drinking water" and impacts on our waterways.

Professional Accomplishments: Board Member (4 years) - Pennsylvania Association of Environmental Educators (PAEE); Board Member (3 years) - Friends of High School Park; National Speaker (8 years) - Diverse Environmental Leaders Speakers Bureau (DEL); PA Master Naturalist (5 years)

Hobbies: Traveling, reading and spending time with my kids/family.

Name: Rebecca Silvey

Position: Southeast Region Director

Title: School and Community Programs Coordinator, Tyler Arboretum

Education: BA in Interdisciplinary Studies w/concentration in Marine Bio, MS in Environmental Studies w/concentration in Environmental Education

Experience: Environmental Education Director at Courageous Sailing Center and Rozalia Project for a Clean Ocean. Family Programs Coordinator at The Bakken Museum and The New York Botanical Garden.

Professional Accomplishments: Junior League of Philadelphia

Hobbies: Cooking, sailing, dancing and musical theater

2020 Board Nominations – Southwest Region Director

Name: Becky Thomas

Position: Southwest Region Director

Title: Assistant Professor of Park Resource Management, Slippery Rock University

Education: BS, Wildlife and Fisheries Science. MS and PHD, Human Dimensions of Natural Resources (research focus: Evaluating outcomes of environmental education).

Experience: 5 years of practitioner experience in EE working at Penn's Cave and Wildlife Park (cave/geology education and interpretation, wildlife education/interpretation, program animal care), 5 years of program evaluation research experience in EE working on research projects in CO, HI, NE, NY, NC, and SD, 5 years in current role as faculty teaching EE courses to future professionals. I am also a NAI Certified Interpretive Guide trainer. I have served as the southwest regional director for PAEE for 1 year. I am also a board member for the journal Society and Natural Resources. I have worked as the co-director of programming at SRU's Macoskey Center for Sustainability Education and Research for 3 years.

Professional Accomplishments: Slippery Rock University President's Award for Excellence in Teaching, 2019.

Hobbies: Golden retrievers, gardening, birdwatching