FOR MEMBERS ONLY
BALLOT

Maryland Native Plant Society, Inc.
Officers and Board of Directors Serving in 2019

Members do not need to vote if they favor the proposed slate that the Nominating Committee recommends. A non-response will be counted as a vote in favor of all nominees. If you do not favor one or more nominees, then please cast your vote by printing and mailing the ballot below.

Candidates are running for one-year terms. The results will be announced at our Annual Members Meeting on November 27, 2018 at the Kensington Library.

Cut below for mailed ballot

If you print out and mail in your ballot, it must be received at MNPS, PO Box 4877, Silver Spring, MD 20914 by November 22, 2018.

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I vote for all of the Board nominees, with the following exceptions:

____ President _______ Kirsten Johnson
____ Vice-President _______ Karyn Molines
____ Treasurer _______ Sujata Roy
____ Secretary _______ Anne DeNovo

Board of Directors
____ Vanessa Beauchamp
____ Carole Bergmann
____ Allen Browne
____ Michael Ellis
____ Marc Imlay, PhD
____ Beth Johnson
____ Kerrie Kyde (new Board member)
____ Liz Matthews, Ph.D.
____ Brett A. McMillan, PhD
____ Christopher F. Puttock, PhD
____ Rod Simmons
____ Jil Swearingen
____ Michelle Wenisch (new Board member)
Maryland Native Plant Society Nominees for 2019 Officers and Board of Directors

**Officers**

**President: Kirsten Johnson, Baltimore City**
Current President; Past President, 2009-2017; Marilandica editor; retired attorney; Master’s Degree in biology, lifelong interest in natural history.

**Vice President: Karyn Molines, Calvert County**
Current Vice President and Membership Chair; Past President, Secretary, Fall Conference Chair; Southern Maryland Chapter. Division Chief, Calvert Co Nat. Resources Div.

**Treasurer: Sujata Roy, Montgomery County**
Current Board Member; Instructor for Spring & Summer Wildflower Identification and Botany for Naturalists, Grad School USA/ANS; certificate in Natural History Field Studies; Field trip leader for ANS; Naturalist with Montgomery Parks; interested in habitat preservation.

**Secretary: Anne DeNovo, Montgomery County**
Field trip coordinator and field trip leader for MNPS. Attorney with practice in elder law, wills and estates. Montgomery County Weed Warrior and Weed Warrior Supervisor. Long-time wild edible and medicinal plant enthusiast.

**Board of Directors**

**Vanessa Beauchamp, Baltimore County**
Current Board Member; Plant ecologist and Associate Professor in the Department of Biological Sciences at Towson University. She received a B.S. from the University of California, Irvine and a Ph.D. in Plant Biology from Arizona State University. Her research looks at the effects of invasive plant species and habitat restoration practices on native plant communities. She has conducted research in forest, wetland, and riparian habitats in the mid-Atlantic and throughout the western United States. At Towson, she teaches Botany, Wetland Ecology, Community Ecology and an introductory course in Ecology and Evolution.

**Carole Bergmann, Montgomery County**
Current Board Member; Past President; Forest Ecologist/Field Botanist for M-NCPPC, founder of Weed Warriors; Montgomery Co Forestry Board member; Maryland Invasive Species Council Member; Mid-Atlantic Invasive Plant Council Board Member; Grad School USA Natural History Field Studies instructor; Conference, Education, Botany and Habitat Stewardship, Nominating Committees; field trip leader for MNPS and ANS.

**Allen Browne, Montgomery County**
Current Board member; retired Informaticist, National Library of Medicine, NIH; MS & PhD-ABD in sociolinguistics; certificate in Natural History Field Studies, Grad School USA/ANS.
**Michael Ellis, Prince George’s County**  
Current board member; M-NCPPC  
Vegetation Management Coordinator,  
Department of Parks and Recreation.  
Associate Wildlife Biologist, field trip leader,  
iNaturalist Curator, Founding President of  
The Wildlife Society at UMD, Stewardship  
Field Supervisor for Sierra Club MD Chapter.  
Prince George’s/Anne Arundel Chapter.

**Marc Imlay, PhD, Charles County**  
Current Board member; Past Vice President;  
Conservation Biologist; Habitat Stewardship  
Committee Chair of the Sierra Club MD  
Chapter; biological control Chair, Mid-  
Atlantic Invasive Plant Council;  
Conservation Biologist, Park Ranger Office,  
Natural & Historical Res Div., M-NCPPC.

**Beth Johnson, Montgomery County**  
Current Board Member; past Treasurer; tax  
professional / Enrolled Agent with IRS;  
interest in Lepidoptera and Odonata.

**Kerrie Kyde, Montgomery County**  
New Board member; Invasive Plant  
Ecologist for Maryland’s Natural Heritage  
Program at MD DNR from 2004 to 2017.  
She served as the Chair of the state Invasive  
Plant Advisory Committee from its  
inception until 2017. She created the citizen  
science data collection effort Statewide  
Eyes, designed to increase the volume of  
invasive species data available to Maryland  
land managers. She was a founding  
member of the Maryland Invasive Species  
Council and the founding president of the  
Mid-Atlantic Invasive Plant Council. She  
holds an MS in Environmental Biology from  
Hood College. Now retired from DNR, she is  
catching up on her native plant ID skills and  
stewarding her own little piece of land.

**Liz Matthews, Ph.D., Montgomery County**  
Current Board Member; Botanist for the  
National Park Service’s Inventory and  
Monitoring Program. She completed a  
dissertation at the University of North  
Carolina, Chapel Hill, where she studied  
alluvial plant communities; as part of her  
doctoral work, Liz sampled the best  
remaining examples of floodplain  
vegetation in the North Carolina Piedmont  
and produced a comprehensive vegetation  
classification for these plant communities.  
She also co-developed a tool to link  
vegetation descriptions, such as those in  
the U.S. National Vegetation Classification,  
to riparian restoration efforts in Northern  
California. Following her graduate work in  
North Carolina, Liz worked with Dr. Susan  
Mazer at the University of California, Santa  
Barbera and established the California  
Phenology Project, an ongoing Citizen  
Science-based plant phenology monitoring  
program. In her current position with the  
NPS, Liz leads the forest vegetation  
monitoring program, which tracks forest  
vegetation at >400 monitoring sites  
distributed among eleven National Park  
units in the National Capital Region.

**Brett A. McMillan, PhD, Baltimore City**  
Current Board Member; Upper School  
Science Teacher, The Bryn Mawr School.  
MS, U FL Research on invasive plant impact  
on central FL understory plants. PhD, Old  
Dominion U. PhD research on  
environmental variables/plant distribution,  
dunes of barrier islands on the eastern  
shore of VA.
Christopher F. Puttock, Ph.D., *Prince George's County*
Current Board Member; Research Associate at the National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution. 2012 President, Botanical Society of Washington; Executive Director of Chesapeake Natives; Board Member, the Hawai‘i Conservation Alliance Foundation. Broad interests in landscape restoration and wetland plants. Trained in plant systematics, currently working on the pea family of southeast Asia.

**Roderick Simmons, Northern Virginia**
Current Board Member; Plant Ecologist. Research Associate with the National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution; Member of the Virginia Botanical Associates; works with the VA and MD Natural Heritage programs. Past President, Botanical Society of Washington; Past President of MNPS, field trip leader for MNPS and VNPS. Natural Resource Manager, City of Alexandria.

**Jil Swearingen, Prince George's County**

**Michelle A. Wenisch, Montgomery County**
New Board member; Soil scientist/agronomist and environmental attorney (US EPA). Special interest in soil biology, particularly mycorrhizal fungi in agroecosystems and forest ecosystems. Weed Warrior Supervisor, focused on reclaiming wildlife habitat and educating people about the importance of the “first trophic level” – i.e., the green plants – on which all life depends. Amateur entomologist. Native of Michigan, the Great Lakes State.