

The RMAA Board of Directors election will be held at the October 3-6, 2019 RMAC conference in Logan, UT. All registered attendees at the conference are eligible to cast a ballot. Voters will be choosing among candidates for four of the eight Board positions, for four-year terms. Current Directors whose terms end this year are Brian Vivian, Mary Lou Larson, David Byers, and Kevin Black. Biographical information on the candidates who will appear on the 2019 ballot is presented below.

Matt Stirn

Matt Stirn is an archaeologist and photojournalist based in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. He is currently a lead research archaeologist at the Jackson Hole Historical Society and Museum, and a research associate at Paleocultural Research Group. Matt specializes in alpine archaeology and has conducted research throughout the mountains of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem over the past 12 years. He currently co-directs three projects researching the prehistoric occupation of the Teton Range, alpine paleoeconomies in the Wind River Mountains, and ice patch archaeology along the Continental Divide. He is also the lead archaeobotanist at the Vagnari excavations in Italy and site topographer at Iklaina in Greece. In addition to research, Matt places public outreach at the forefront of his work and has co-run multiple programs teaching over 1,500 local students archaeology, involving the community in archaeological excavations, and writing about archaeology for the general public in media outlets including National Geographic, BBC World News, and Archaeology Magazine.

Rebecca Sgouros

Rebecca Sgouros is an environmental archaeologist and educator from Jackson, Wyoming. She is a freelance archaeologist focusing on projects in the Rocky Mountains, specifically the Tetons, Gros Ventre, and Wind River Ranges in Wyoming. Current projects include investigating life and food choices at high altitudes, paleoenvironmental reconstruction of the Tetons, ice-patch archaeology survey along the Continental Divide, and an ancient food & diet study using biomolecular and experimental archaeology techniques. Rebecca also works on a Bronze Age site in Greece as a faunal analyst, and on a Roman estate in Italy as paleobotanist. Rebecca is even more passionate about community engagement and education than she is about research. She co-directs a site at the base of the Tetons in South East Idaho that brings public volunteers and school children out to participate in excavation and

analysis. Rebecca has worked for several nonprofits and museums designing and teaching place-based archaeology programs in hopes of creating environmental and cultural heritage stewards in her local communities. Rebecca estimates that she has taught more than 2,500 students of all ages about local history and archaeology using exciting hands-on programs.

Spencer Pelton

Spencer Pelton has conducted archaeology in the High Plains and Rocky Mountains of Colorado and Wyoming since 2010. He is a Senior Archaeologist and Cultural Program Manager for Transcon Environmental, an environmental planning company with offices throughout the Intermountain West. Spencer received his Master's degree from Colorado State University in 2013 and his PhD from the University of Wyoming in 2018. In addition to his professional duties with Transcon, Spencer maintains an active research program focused on several Paleoindian sites in eastern Wyoming, including the Powars II ochre quarry, the Hell Gap site, the La Prele mammoth site, and the Sisters Hill site. Spencer has 14 published peer-reviewed papers in journals including Quaternary International, The Proceedings of the National Academy of the Sciences, Biology Letters, Plains Anthropologist, American Antiquity, The Journal of Archaeological Science, and others. Spencer currently resides in Douglas, WY with his wife Hallie and their dog Cashew, where he serves as a member of the Douglas Historic Preservation Commission.

Mary Lou Larson

Mary Lou Larson is a Professor of Anthropology at the University of Wyoming. Her research in the Rocky Mountains has included chipped stone analyses, site structure and formation. She developed the method of Minimum Analytical Nodule Analysis, which she and others have used to increase our knowledge of human technological organization. She has been a member of RMAC/RMAA since its inception and supports its goals as the association grows.

Richard L. Currit

Richard Currit is Senior Archeologist and NEPA Coordinator for the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). After receiving a B.A. in History from Central Washington University in 1985, Richard went to work in Archaeology for various contractors around the Pacific Northwest. After this, he worked for the U.S. Forest

Service in Washington, California, New Mexico and Colorado doing Archaeological Survey and Excavation in support of timber sales, land exchanges, and various other federal undertakings. In 1995 Richard started work at the SHPO doing Section 106 reviews. Richard also served as SHPO from 2001-2003, after which he took on his current position. When not working, Richard enjoys camping and fishing (not necessarily catching) with his wife and dog. Richard's current major projects include, but are not limited to, the Gateway West Powerline, and the ChokeCherry Sierra Madre Wind Farm.

Molly Boeka Cannon

Molly Boeka Cannon (PhD) received her doctorate in Human Geography from the University of Nebraska (2013) and her M.A. in Anthropology from the University of Wyoming (2002). Since 2016 Dr. Cannon has served as the Executive Director of the Museum of Anthropology and Spatial Data Collection, Analysis, Visualization Lab at Utah State University. She brings more than 15 years of experience in geospatial technologies and their applications to the archaeological record as well as 10 years of experience with archaeological geophysical prospection in historic and military contexts. Molly has experience working with archaeological investigations in a range of contexts from her tenure with the National Park Service (1998-2008), her brief time in private industry in CRM (2008-2013) and in academic research at the University of Nebraska (1996-2000, 2004-2013), University of Wyoming (2000-2002) and Utah State University (2010-present). Dr. Cannon has received grants from a range of sources include in the Utah State University Diversity Council, Utah Humanities, Utah Division of Arts and Museums, the Earthwatch Institute, and the Idaho Heritage Trust. She has also published widely from regional journals such as the Idaho Archaeologist and Plains Anthropology to interdisciplinary journals such as Advances in Archaeological Practices, Journal of Archaeological Sciences, and Applied Computational Intelligence and Soft Computing.

Kevin D. Black

Kevin Black is a graduate of the University of Colorado-Boulder. In his early career, he was a staff archaeologist with consulting firms in Montrose (1979–81) and Eagle, Colorado (1981–88), conducting projects mostly in Colorado, Wyoming and Utah. From 1988 to 2016, he served as the Assistant State Archaeologist at History Colorado, the Colorado Historical Society based in Denver. In his primary focus as

State Training Coordinator of the Program for Avocational Archaeological Certification (PAAC), he was tasked with keeping up to date on all aspects of Colorado archaeology. But he's maintained a long-term research interest in the archaeology of the Southern Rocky Mountains, particularly on hunter-gatherer cultures of the Archaic period, lithic provenance studies, and variations in landscape use among foraging populations. In semi-retirement, he enjoys volunteering on field projects and helping widen the coverage of the Colorado Encyclopedia website.