The following have been nominated to serve on the Board of Directors of the American Birding Association:

**NOMINATED FOR A 2ND 3-YEAR TERM:**

**Neil Hayward** has been a birder ever since he was strong enough to lift a pair of binoculars on his own. He serves as President of the Brookline Bird Club, is a writer and editor for the journal *Bird Observer*, and teaches birding. Neil brings leadership experience to the ABA in both the for-profit and not-for-profit worlds, which he hopes to translate into adding the growth of the organization. He is the author of *Lost Among the Birds*, a memoir of his somewhat accidental and entirely ridiculous big year. Neil lives in Cambridge, Massachusetts, with his wife Gerri, sons Henry and Alexander, and cats Sally and Khiva. Favorite bird: the next one.

**NOMINATED FOR A 1ST 3-YEAR TERM:**

**Sara Pruneda Beesley** was born and raised in the San Francisco Bay, is now a Texan residing in San Antonio, where she serves as Director at the Mitchell Lake Audubon Center. Sara holds a B.A. from Trinity University and M.S. from Our Lady of the Lake University. She recently served on the South San Antonio Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, where she was Tourism Chair, and contributed to the Sustainability & Climate Action plans for the city. Sara is passionate about making the outdoors a safe space for everyone and looks forward to bringing that passion to the ABA.

**Karyl Gabriel** retired from a successful corporate career as a CPA and treasury/finance professional. She has birded since childhood and took time off from serious birding to pursue a career and family. Resuming in earnest about 15 years ago, she has been an active member of the Carolina Bird Club’s executive committee for several years. Karyl has extensive financial and strategic experience along with an innate love of nature to offer the ABA as it charts its course into the future. Karyl and her husband live in North Carolina. She never had a favorite bird—until she saw an American Dipper.

**Willie Hendrickson** is the founder and CEO of the AVEKA Group which comprises five manufacturing sites in Minnesota focusing on industrial and food contract manufacturing of particulate materials. Willie received his Ph.D. in Chemistry from the University of Florida, where he started birding 45 years ago. He is currently President of the International Fine Particle Institute and a member of the executive committee of the AIChE Particle Technology Forum. He is a co-author and inventor of 20 technical papers and 50 U.S. patents, respectively. In all organizations, Willie brings skills in fundraising, finances, and membership growth. His favorite bird is always the next one.

**Amanda Mangan** is a Project Manager at Wildlife Habitat Canada and lives in Ottawa, Ontario. Amanda brings a wide variety of experience in research management, grant funding, event management, and conservation from the post-secondary, provincial, federal, not-for-profit, and private sectors. She hopes to share her career experiences with the ABA by helping with event and program management and by expanding the conservation education tools available to birders in Canada and beyond. The Black-capped Chickadee is a familiar favourite, and the Piping Plover would be her bucket list bird. Amanda is also fond of squirrels, sewing, and training for triathlons.

**David McQuade** and his wife Tammy live in Fort Myers, Florida. David has been in the financial services industry for the past 34 years and is currently a Senior Vice President and Senior Portfolio manager at UBS Financial. Forbes magazine ranked him as one of the top advisors in Florida, and David expects to bring his business acumen to the ABA. He has always loved the outdoors and started birding in high school, but his life was changed after watching the movie *The Big Year*. He and Tammy are avid listers and love chasing rarities; his favorite bird is whatever rarity they’re chasing at that moment.

**Jordan Roderick**, who lives in Kirkland, Washington, has been birding since graduate school. After receiving his MBA, Jordan pursued a career in telecommunications, during which he became President of the International Division of AT&T Wireless. Jordan has served on numerous corporate and not-for-profit boards and is interested in enhancing the ABA’s fundraising capabilities to power its efforts to grow the birding community. Birding is healthy for people and a positive force for conservation, science, and advocacy as well. Jordan’s own birding focus is the ABA Area, where he has found a world of adventure, friendships, and satisfaction.

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**Proxy—American Birding Association, Inc.**

Know all persons that I, the undersigned, a member in good standing of the American Birding Association, Inc., do hereby constitute and appoint Kelly Smith and Carl Bendorf with the full power of substitution as attorneys and agents for me, in my name, place, and stead, to vote as my proxy the number of votes I would be entitled to cast if personally present at the meeting of the American Birding Association, Inc., to be held Saturday, 5 December 2020 at 4:00 PM, at the ABA Headquarters in Delaware City, DE 19706, (Meeting will be streamed online; in-person attendance likely not possible, see note on reverse) and at any adjourned meeting thereof, as follows:

1. □ For all the nominated directors except withhold authority for the following:

   In witness thereof, I have hereinto set my hand this _____ day of _____________________, 2020.

   Signed, ______________________________________________________________ __________________________

   (must be signed and dated to be valid)

   Print Name: ____________________________________________________________________________

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   For all the nominated directors except withhold authority for the following:

2. □ For the transaction of other such business as may properly come before the meeting.

   In witness thereof, I have hereinto set my hand this _____ day of _____________________, 2020.

   Signed, ______________________________________________________________ __________________________

   (must be signed and dated to be valid)

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**For JOINT MEMBERSHIPS only,** a second household member should complete the following:

1. □ For all the nominated directors except withhold authority for the following:

2. □ For the transaction of other such business as may properly come before the meeting.

   In witness thereof, I have hereinto set my hand this _____ day of _____________________, 2020.

   Signed, ______________________________________________________________ __________________________

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Complete this proxy ballot, place in an envelope, affix proper postage, and mail to: ABA Membership Vote, P.O. Box 744, Delaware City, DE 19706. You can also email a completed scanned copy to proxy@aba.org.