

Notice of Annual Meeting



Pursuant to the provisions of Article II, Section 4(c) of the Bylaws of the American Birding Association, Notice is hereby given to members of the American Birding Association, Inc., that the Annual Meeting of Members will be held on Friday, December 10th, 2021, at 3:00 PM, at the ABA Headquarters in Delaware City, DE (we do NOT expect in-person attendance to be possible, see below), and at any adjourned meeting thereof, as follows:

- 1 • The election of directors, as described on the reverse;
- 2 • For such other matters as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournments thereof.

Only members who are in good standing as of December 9th, 2021, will be entitled to vote at this meeting. Please complete the proxy ballot below, detach and place in an envelope, affix proper postage, and mail to American Birding Association, P.O. Box 744, Delaware City, DE 19706. You may also email a scanned, signed copy to proxy@aba.org. A PDF version of this ballot may also be found at aba.org/proxy21. Unless otherwise directed by you, your proxy will be voted for all nominated directors.

NOTE: Because of the pandemic, we do not expect to be able to safely offer in-person attendance at this year's meeting. The meeting will be streamed online, but proxies should still be sent in advance. Final details for watching the meeting and any late-breaking news on in person attendance will be posted at aba.org/proxy21, or you may call 800-850-2473 or email proxy@aba.org.

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REMINDER:

Your membership number can be found in your address label on this issue's cover.
Please both SIGN your ballot and PRINT your name legibly.

Thank you!

T E A R H E R E

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

NOMINATED FOR A 3RD 3-YEAR TERM:

Paul Riss got started birding young when a Black-capped Chickadee landed on his hand and he was hooked for life. He has continued to watch birds and make bird art of all kinds since that day. When he isn't birding, Paul pursues a very successful career in advertising and design. He has been in the top 20 Canadian creative marketing professionals for the past several years. He also has many international awards to his credit for his work on such brands as Subaru, Capital One, Auto Trader, and many more. Paul has used his abilities and connections in the advertising/mar-

keting/branding world to make many contributions to various birding related organizations, helping them achieve a visual style that resonates with birders young and old. Paul is a leader for BRANT tours and leads field trips at various festivals like The Biggest Week, Festival of the Cranes, and the Rio Grande Valley Birding Festival. Everything Paul does in the birding community serves to try and make this amazing sport more accessible to more people; including starting the well-loved apparel company, PRBY Apparel, making a documentary about his own extreme birding big year, and speaking at various bird festivals about his unique take on the world of birding.

NOMINATED FOR A 1ST 3-YEAR TERM:

Jeff Rusinow is an entrepreneur and angel investor based in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He is a competitive ABA lister for whom birding is also a source of spiritual connectedness. He has made numerous contributions to the birding community including service as a board member at the American Bird Conservancy, and helping fund the purchase of Paton's Birder Haven in Southeast Arizona. He brings 22 years of retailing experience to the Board, and expects to help guide the development of the ABA Store.

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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 Jordan Roderick 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 Friday, December 10th, 2021 at 3:00 PM, at the ABA Headquarters in Delaware City, DE, (meeting will be streamed online; *in-person attendance likely not possible*, see note on reverse), and at any adjourned meeting thereof, as follows:

- For all the nominated directors except withhold authority for the following: _____
- 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 _____, 2021.

Signed, _____
(must be signed and dated to be valid)

(member number)

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Print Name: _____

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

- For all the nominated directors except withhold authority for the following: _____
- 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 _____, 2021.

Signed, _____
(must be signed and dated to be valid)

(member number)

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Print Name: _____

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.

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