



FLORIDA TRAIL ASSOCIATION

Building More Than Trails

Your Vote Counts!

Cast your vote to play an important role in the future of the Florida Trail Association

As a member of the Florida Trail Association, you have the privilege of casting your vote in the 2020 Board of Directors election. You have a voice, and we want to hear it!

SEVERAL WAYS TO CAST YOUR VOTE!

By Mail: In this E-Blaze is a copy of the ballot that can be printed and mailed. Mail in ballots must be received by the Florida Trail Association no later than 27 March 2020.

Mail your ballot to: Florida Trail Association 1050 NW 2nd Street, Suite A Gainesville, FL 32601

Electronically: There is also option to vote online!

Online voting is currently open! Online voting will close March 27, 2020.

Results of the 2020 elections will be announced at the Annual Meeting: April 4, 2020 in Gainesville, FL

**You must be an FTA member in order to vote. Note, only one vote per membership. If you chose to submit your ballot by mail, you will not need to vote electronically.*

The Florida Trail Association Nominating Committee has verified all applicant qualifications. To learn more about 2020 candidates, please read the bios below. If you wish to learn more about Board of Director duties and responsibilities, head to www.FloridaTrail.org.

OFFICER CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES

VP Membership

Bill Turman

Oviedo, FL

Bill was born and raised in central Virginia and as a Boy Scout attained the rank of Eagle Scout. He enjoyed many backpacking trips on the AT. A graduate of Virginia Tech with a B.S. in Civil / Structural Engineering, he began his career as a construction engineer, then design engineer with Dominion Resources / Virginia Power. A unique work highlight included underwater inspection activities as part of the civil engineering dive team.

Bill moved to central Florida in 1990 when he took an engineering position with Westinghouse Electric Corporation, where he helped develop and implement gas turbine and combined cycle power plants. His responsibilities increased as he progressed into the positions of group and department manager within Westinghouse and later Siemens Power Generation when Siemens purchased Westinghouse. A career highlight was living in Germany, performing the integration manager duties.

A member of the Florida Trail Association since 1991, he has backpacked and hiked many of the trails in central Florida. Since retiring, Bill has been active with the Central Florida Chapter, helping to perform trail maintenance activities, acting as an activity leader, chapter chair, and representative at the Chapter Council. He is an avid hiker, cyclist and kayaker, and enjoys traveling the country with his A-frame camper, visiting the National Parks. He is on the Board of Directors for the FTA, and serving as the acting VP Membership.



VP Trails

Tom Daniel

Pensacola, FL

Tom grew up in Hialeah, Florida and resided in Dade County for 35 years. In 1980 his family moved to Pensacola. He received a BS in Accounting from Florida State University. He began volunteering with the Florida Trail Association in 1998 and has held positions as Activity Leader, Trailmaster, Eglin Section Leader, Trail Coordinator, FTA Board member, VP Membership (3/2007 – 12/2009) and VP Trails (3/2011 – 3/2016). He is a founding member of the Choctawhatchee Chapter which serves Okaloosa and Walton Counties. He served as Trail Coordinator from the Chapters inception until February 2017. He personally supervised and coordinated the routing and construction of 95+ miles of the Florida National Scenic Trail on Eglin, Nokuse Plantation and Northwest Florida Water Management Division lands.

In the aftermath the 2004 and 2005 hurricane seasons, Tom coordinated trail recovery in the Western Panhandle with local volunteers and USDA-FS. His trail related schools include Trail Crew Leader Training at the University of North Georgia and participation in several American Hiking Society trail maintenance and construction Volunteer Vacations.

As an Activity / Crew Leader, Tom has organized and lead well over 100 Florida Trail maintenance and trail construction activities. He has served as the Choctawhatchee Chapter Meetup Organizer from October 2008 until present. He became a member of the Board of Directors in September 2019, filling a vacancy on the board until the 2020 elections

Treasurer

Pam Hale

Palm Bay, FL

Pam has been an FTA member since 1978 and has served in a number of volunteer capacities including chapter officer, activity leader, section leader, state Director, VP-Administration and Treasurer. Together with her husband and two sons, she put in many hours developing and maintaining trails in the Central Florida area. She is also an avid hiker, logging miles on trail from the U.S. desert southwest to the mountains of Europe. She is a Leave-No Trace Master Educator.

Pam is a graduate of Rollins College with a degree in Business Administration and minors in accounting and organizational communication. She has been employed with L3Harris Technologies Inc for over 40 years in various accounting, finance and business operations roles, currently as a principle financial analyst supporting international operations and programs.



AT-LARGE BOARD MEMBER CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES

Candidates are listed in alphabetical order

Amanda Kincaid

Panama City, FL

Amanda was born and lives in the Florida panhandle. She graduated from Florida State University with degrees in English and Italian and the University of Florida with a degree in Law. She works as an attorney for the State of Florida.

She began hiking in college with her father and has since found a love for long section hikes. She was a 2018 Granite Gear Groundskeeper, picking up trash as she hiked along the Florida Trail. She became a member of the Board of Directors in July 2019, filling a vacancy on the board until the 2020 elections.

Leslie Wheeler

Jacksonville, FL

Leslie has been a member of Florida Trail Association ever since she went with the Western Gate Chapter on a field trip to Garcon Point and observed rare pitcher plants on her hands and knees. That would be 15+ years ago. After she moved to Jacksonville, she became active in the North Florida Trailblazers Chapter and has been instrumental in keeping that chapter going during a period of low activity. She considers her time serving at the state level as a learning experience and is grateful for the opportunity to meet many members of our great organization.

Leslie graduated from Millsaps College with a BS in Biology. She became a medical technologist and earned her Specialist in Blood Banking at Ochsner Hospital in New Orleans. She has a Master of Healthcare Administration from Tulane University. After a long career of managing transfusion services at Florida hospitals, she now works part time as a validation specialist for a healthcare software company.

She has served as the past President of the FTA and various other positions. She became a member of the Board of Directors in September 2019, filling a vacancy on the board until the 2020 elections.



Florida Trail Association 2020 Mail-In Ballot

- Mail in ballots must be received by the FTA no later than March 27, 2020.
- Mail your ballot to: Florida Trail Association 1050 NW 2nd Street, Suite A Gainesville, FL 32601
- Your first and last name is required as a control measure to verify your FTA membership. Member names will be separated from their votes once verified.
- One vote per FTA Membership. If you chose to submit your ballot by mail, you will not need to vote electronically.

Are you a current member of the Florida Trail Association? ___ Yes ___ No

First and Last Name (print legibly): _____

Email:

Please mark the box next to the candidates for whom you wish to vote:

OFFICERS

VP MEMBERSHIP

Bill Turman

VP TRAILS

Tom Daniel

TREASURER

Pam Hale

AT-LARGE BOARD CANDIDATES

Select up to two (alphabetical order)

Amanda Kincaid

Leslie Wheeler