

Nominee Biographies

Officers

Jo Zurwell - Running for Election as President - Member # 10349

In 2016, I joined ACGS, and am presently Vice President and the chair of the Marketing, Web Site Committees, and Publications Editorial Board. I received my BA in Business Studies in 2000 from New Hampshire College, and worked for 20+ years in purchasing, operations, customer service, and marketing roles in the business world. Being an officer and member of the board has allowed me to combine my hobby of designing publications, such as the ACGS journal, fall conference program and website, and my passion for genealogical research.

Juliet Smith - Running for Election as Vice President - Member # 3147

This has been quite a year to be President of our Society, the ACGS. It has been quite a privilege and I would appreciate another year as Vice-President to establish the Society for its future. I have been a member since 1985 and have held every office. My “real” job was as a teacher, with a BS and Med. I taught 40 years, the last 10 in Social Studies, which compliments genealogy quite well.

Belinda Gaudette - Running for Re-Election as Treasurer - Member # 10721

I worked for 29 years for a local branch of a nationwide insurance company. After retirement I worked part-time as a bookkeeper for local companies who used quick books for their companies. Norma Boyce recruited me for the position of treasurer of which I hold as a volunteer.

Jeannine T. Lévesque Running for Election as Recording Secretary - Member # 453

Jeannine has been a member of ACGS since its earliest years, though for many years more involved in doing her own research than in sharing what she had learned. An ACGS life member since early adulthood, Jeannine worked as a reporter and copy editor at the then-Nashua Telegraph before becoming a librarian and archivist, first at the Nashua Public Library and, finally, at the Leominster (MA) Public Library. She started volunteering at the ACGS front desk several years ago but has become much more involved since retiring two years ago. She now serves on the Library Committee and is the editor of the monthly Newsletter. She has also written a few articles for our journal about her travels in France with a group of Acadian cousins led by Lucie LeBlanc Consentino. Jeannine, who speaks and reads French, is enrolled in an online French conversation class through the American French Genealogical Society of Rhode Island, of which she is a much more recent member.

Constance Hebert - Running Election Correspondence Secretary - Member # 5175

Became a member of the ACGS in 1995. I have worked in the past as a Research Coordinator, and a collector and indexer of the obituaries from the Manchester Union Leader. I have been on the board and have held various positions (Recording Secretary, Vice-President, Director). I volunteer at the front desk bi-monthly, work in the Publication Department, and indexed the Genealogists.

Directors

Laurent Autotte- Running for Re-Election as Director - Member # 3505

I have been a member of ACGS for 31 years. During those years I served ACGS in a host of capacities, though my favorite role was as a research assistant to visiting members and guests during our hours of operation, and often beyond. For me nothing could beat seeing a visitor's face light up upon finding an ancestor's name...perhaps mom and dad, or grandparents, abstracted into a parish repertoire. Of course, there was also the joy of helping a visitor "travel through time" to an end-point outside of Québec.

I am 73 years old. I was born and raised in Manchester, NH, (*paroisse Saint-Jean-Baptiste*). My highest earned academic degree is a B.A. in Liberal Arts, majoring in Philosophy. I very much enjoy reading, history, biography, science, and philosophy. I look forward to continuing to give back to ACGS for all that it has given me.

Herb Boyce - Running for Re-Election as Director - Member # 8504

My main position on the Board is as Building and Grounds Coordinator, a position I have held as a volunteer for over 15 years. I don't do genealogy, but leave that to my wife, I keep the building in good shape! Having worked for Coca-Cola for over 41 years, and being a homeowner, I have had years of experience in hands-on maintenance and know many experts in various trades to help solve problems.

Dennis Joyal- Running for Re-Election as Director - Member # 1592

As you can see, I joined the ACGS many years ago, 35+ to be exact. I have been on the Board several years and have been past vice-President, Correspondence Secretary, and active Board Member. Also, I have been on the front desk and opened the library for research 2 Sundays per month. I live and work in Laconia, have been a machinist at NHBB for 40 years.

Steve Lefoley -Running for Re-Election as Director – Member # 4141

My special research interests are in the Gaspé and Channel Islands, and have been a member of the ACGS since 1990. I have been a board member for several years, and presently am the Membership Chair, Investment Committee Chair, and on the Web Site Committee, Grant Writer, and manage Constant Contact. My preparation for these jobs are my BSEE, MSEE and MBA degrees.



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**Ballot for Board Officers and Directors
Annual Elections for the Year Beginning on 1/1/2022**

Please complete the ballot below and mail it to: **ACGS, Attn: Elections, 1 Sundial Avenue, Suite 317N, Manchester, NH 03103**. All ballots must be postmarked by **September 30, 2021**, to be counted in the election.

Do **NOT** put a return address on the envelope for the privacy of ballots.

Officer Positions: (Please select **only 1 vote** per officer position)

President Nominees

_____ Jo Zurwell

_____ Write In Name

Vice President Nominees

_____ Juliet Smith

_____ Write In Name

Treasurer

_____ Belinda Gaudette

_____ Write In Name

Recording Secretary

_____ Jeannine Lévesque

_____ Write In Name

Corresponding Secretary

_____ Constance Hebert

_____ Write In Name _____

Director Positions (3 open seats)

(Please **select only 3** Names for the director position)

_____ Laurent Autotte _____ Herb Boyce _____ Dennis Joyal

_____ Steve Lefoley _____ Write In Name: _____

By-Law Changes: Do you agree with the proposed changes to the ACGS by-laws?
For a complete explanation of the changes please go to <https://acgs.org/by-laws/> .

Yes / No

_____ **Member ID#**