



Greater Portland Flute Society Board Members 2023-2024

Positions and Appointments

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Dr. Sydney Carlson, Member-at-Large. Appointments - Collegiate Advisory, Middle and High School Competitions: Professor of Music and Coordinator of Graduate Studies for the School of Music and Theater at PSU. Member of the Portland Opera Orchestra and frequently performs with the Portland Ballet Orchestra and Oregon Symphony. Joined the GPFS Board in 2009.

Adrian Dee, Membership Director, Historian/Archivist. Appointments - First Tuesdays Online, Zoom Facilitator: Member of the Newport Symphony twenty-five years, composer, professional flutist and active chamber performer in the Portland area, and on the Board of GPFS for several years.

Judy Fischbach, Member-at-Large:

Deborah Johnson, Commercial Membership Officer: Thirty plus years in executive administration. Performs with and serves on the board of the Lake Oswego Millennium Concert Band. Performs with local flute ensembles. Joined the GPFS Board in 2006.

Donna Maebori, Member-at-Large. Appointments – Floating Duties: Flutist, Guild Certified Feldenkrais Teacher®, and lifetime physical therapist until retirement. She studied yoga and Feldenkrais, both of which she used extensively in her specialization treatment of persistent pain as well as balance and dizziness. She enjoys playing for herself and with others. Joining the GPFS board in 2023.

Tony Merrill, Treasurer. Appointments – Development Committee: Real Estate Professional and Asset Manager of Merrill Management Company. Oversees the family real estate and non-real estate investments. President of the Merrill Family Foundation. Joined the GPFS board in 2022.

Barbara J. Nicoletti, Ed.D., President, and Publication Editor. Appointments – Development, Co-Publicity/Communications, First Tuesdays Online, Greater Corvallis/Albany Region Advisory: Thirty plus years in applied research/program evaluation for human service organizations. Music educator and flutist with Nicoletti-Weiss flute and guitar duo. Joined the GPFS Board in 2020.

Sandy Duffy Norman, Member-at-Large. Appointments - Flute Academy, Youth Engagement, Study Grants, Masterclasses, Development, Hospitality, Salem Region Advisory: Professional flutist and private flute teacher - Sunridge Studios in Salem. Prior band director general music Silver Falls School District, Adjunct Flute Instructor /Western Oregon University, flutist with RoseWynde Flute and Harp and Northwest Winds Woodwind Quintet. Joined GPFS board in 1998.

Amy Norton, Web Administrator. Appointments – Zoom Facilitator: Twenty plus years working as a technology professional. Amateur flutist who is always looking for more duet partners. Joined the GPFS Board in 2021.

Rebecca Olson Towers, Secretary. Appointments - Vancouver Region Advisory - Performs with the Oregon Chamber Players and the Sunnyside Symphony. Wind coach with the Junior Symphony of Vancouver. Flute instructor Teaches at Music World in Southwest Washington. Joined GPFS board in 2005.

Alicia Rasmussen, Member-at-Large. Appointments - Floating Duties: Joined the GPFS board in 2021.

Dr. Emily Stanek, Vice-President, Publicity & Social Media Officer. Appointments - Flute Academy, Middle and High School Competitions, Salem Region Advisory: Artist Associate at Willamette University, flute instructor Corban University and Chemeketa Community College, freelancer with orchestras including the Oregon Symphony, Eugene Symphony, Eugene Opera, and Corvallis Symphony. Joined the GPFS board in 2014.

Cheryl Thompson-Merrill, Member-at-Large. Appointments - Librarian, Flute Loans, and Development: J.D. from Northwestern School of Law of Lewis and Clark. Studied music at the UO. Enjoys playing flute in community groups and theater. Served as a publicity coordinator for the Voices for the Performing Arts. Joined the board in 2017.

Robert Wakeley, Member-at-Large. Appointments – Low Flutes, Eugene Region Advisory, Floating Duties: Freelance flutist and teacher based in Portland, 2nd flutist/piccoloist of the Eugene Concert Choir, performs regularly as a substitute with the Rogue Valley and Helena Symphonies and was the 3rd flutist/piccoloist with Orchestra NEXT (Eugene Ballet Company) for their 2015-2016 and 2021-2022 seasons. Joining the GPFS board in 2023.

Denise Westby, Member-at-Large. Appointments – Floating duties. Professional flutist performer, educator, and past GPFS Vice President. She currently teaches The Business of Music course at PSU, is an adjunct flute instructor at Mt. Hood Community College, and home studio in Tigard. She is founder of Flute Alliance: Flute Boot Camps and BreakAway Adult Flute Vacations. Her performing has included principal flutist in Sinfonia Concertante Orchestra, small ensembles, and solo recitals.

Note – Every board member is appointed to the planning and implementation of the annual fall event and the annual spring Flute Fair.