



# 2017 ELECTION

## □ Positions To Be Filled In 2017 Election

- Secretary Term: 01/01/18 to 12/31/19
- Treasurer Term: 01/01/18 to 12/31/19
- Director Term: 01/01/18 to 12/31/19
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## Candidates



### FOR TREASURER

- Home: Chester, New Jersey
- Occupation: Marketing Consultant
- Presently: UOAA Treasurer and Investment Committee Member
- Nominated by: The Morris County, NJ Ostomy Association

### George F. Salamy

#### □ Personal Statement:

I have a BA from Villanova University and an MBA from Baruch University, City University of NY. I have held leadership positions at AT&T in marketing and have extensive travel experience both domestically and internationally which allow me to perform in many diverse and complex environments.

As a leader in UOA, where I served nationally as the Treasurer, Vice President and Board Member, UOAA serving as an advisor to the President, Internationally as an IOA Regional President and Treasurer, and with over 30 years volunteering as a President/Board Member in my Chapter/ASG, I have been part of the team that provided strategy and leadership to the ostomy community worldwide. I am currently serving as the UOAA Treasurer, an Investment Committee member and the TSA Liaison. My hope is to continue to provide ostomy information, education and support to all of those individuals and families in need of this assistance. In this technological age, looking for new

ways to provide this information is imperative. Social media is critical in capturing the younger ostomates. Excellent web services are also very important in this new age. My local ASG experience still gives me the perspective of the individual ostomate which we must never lose sight of. Finally from a fiscal perspective I will attempt to provide sound financial advice to the organization as it pertains to operating budgets as well as long term investments.



## FOR DIRECTOR

- Home: Treasure Island, Florida
- Occupation: Retired Guidance Counselor/Art Teacher
- Presently: UOAA Director
- Nominated by: The Continent Ostomy Group of Florida a.k.a. the St. Petersburg FL Ostomy Support Group

### Millie Parker

#### □ Personal Statement:

After attending the UOAA conference in Reno in 2011 and in Jacksonville in 2013, I wanted to become more involved in this highly effective organization. I was so impressed that I learned so much and met so many wonderful people there. I am active and President of my local support group and want to expand my activities. This is why I am running again for the position as a Director of UOAA. I have learned much in my years on the Management Board of Directors and want to continue in that position. It has been exhilarating as speaker coordinator for the Conference coming up this August in Irvine, California. I am realizing how many outstanding people are supporters of UOAA. It is comforting to know how valued we are as an organization to the medical and social communities. In my job on The Board as a liaison for ***The Phoenix*** magazine, I am realizing also that this publication is invaluable to all ostomates as are the New Patient Guides.

- I plan to continue in my next term, the following, as my accomplishments as a Director:
  - To continue to promote national awareness to ostomates.
  - To continue to promote national and international outreach to the medical community for education by helping to create a solid network of support.
  - To illustrate by example and with UOAA's vast array of information, life as an ostomate.

- To uphold my fiduciary responsibility as a Director. I realize that the financial health of UOAA is essential for endurance and success.
- To avoid any conflicts of interest and to act in the interest of the organization as a whole.
- To help to oversee that business is transacted legally and professionally.
- To always make decisions to protect the assets and outstanding reputation of UOAA.
- To work closely and positively with all board members, officers and trustees to achieve success at all levels for UOAA.
- And, to be a team player and be honest, trustworthy, ethical and to achieve the best for UOAA and its future.

Because the health care field is always changing and nurses are being limited on how much time they can give for care and education, it is important to promote an awareness campaign to identify nurses who work with ostomates. This could help to make UOAA a critical and invaluable resource for nurses, including home health care nurses. These nurses need to know who we are, what we can do for ostomates, and how UOAA changes lives forever.

Throughout my career as a school teacher and counselor I have been able to help and to educate others. As Director, I will continue to focus on improving lives of men, women and children especially those with ostomies and their loved ones. I have many ideas and visions and will work to see them through.

We all have stories of personal suffering that should teach us to be more compassionate and reach out to others in need, I want to use my experiences to enrich the lives of others. Against the odds, I have been able to come to a point in my life that I am able to give back even more. I am retired and have time, ability and willingness to travel, attend meetings and be available to communicate and associate for the continued success of UOAA.

I have traveled extensively and never let my ostomy alter my plans and activities. Since retiring from my counseling career in adult education, I have had the opportunity to travel around the United States, Canada, and Europe, and have enjoyed activities such as ziplining, hiking and kayaking in Costa Rica and Hawaii.

Because I am available and able to be active in my pursuits, I would be an asset to UOAA in fulfilling all the duties of a Director. I have been in many volunteer leadership roles in career, technical and educational organizations and believe that my experience and skills will prove to be invaluable in the position as Director. I will bring to UOAA strength, organizational skills, as well as a sense of responsibility to others.



**Joseph Vega**

## **FOR DIRECTOR**

- Home: Alhambra, California
- Occupation: Full time “Ostomate”
- Presently: ASG Co-Chair, Secretary, Webmaster & Social Media Manager
- Nominated by: San Gabriel Valley Ostomy Association, Arcadia, California

□ **Personal Statement:**

I understand contracts and complex matters. My education is in CIS, Computer Information Systems, especially Information Security Systems. I'm also a licensed real estate agent in California. I have owned and ran a small business with 25 employees and gross receipts of over \$1 million dollars annually. My civic and community involvement is between Ostomy Support Groups, a Cancer Patient Survivor Council and being a Patient Advocate for a Clinical Investigation Unit at USC Norris. I love to volunteer and give back to the community. I will be a VERY active member of the Management Board of Directors.

I will work for ostomates and their caregivers, rights, compassion, needs and access to affordable health care. I will work to spread the name of the UOAA and the ASG's nationwide. I will work to expand and grow membership in the UOAA and the ASG's. I will work with and on the UOAA's social media content and it's web image.

When elected I will attend all Board of Director meetings. I will also attend all Regional, Local and National Conferences. I will participate as wanted and needed by the UOAA and the Board of Directors. I'm especially interested in those matters involving our lives, our rights, and our Healthcare. I will support and abide by the UOAA's constitution.

Since I have had my ostomies my life focus has been on “Helping Others”, that is truly what my life is about these days. Being elected to this position will allow me to help more people. What an Honor that will be. I will always remember I represent ostomates always and forever.

Please vote for Joseph Vega. I will be a VERY active member of the Board of Directors.



**Terry Sloan**

## FOR DIRECTOR

- Home: Livonia, Michigan
- Occupation: Registered Nurse at University of Michigan
- Presently: VP ASG, A New Normal, Ann-Arbor, MI
- Nominated by: A New Normal ASG

### □ **Personal Statement:**

I have a lifelong medical career working with patients with chronic illness starting in 1992 to this present day. Prior to that, I was an EMT, firefighter and reserve police officer. I have also been a liaison between healthcare companies and large hospital systems while keeping patient centered care as the one true goal. Having extensive management/administrative work history has provided me with opportunities and exposed me to a variety of business, medical and financial dealings with both non-profit and for profit organizations and has fostered strong interpersonal skills.

My main goal if elected to a director position with UOAA will be to assist the organization and ASGs with disseminating strong medical information to the appropriate parties regarding issues ranging from pain management, nausea, surgical complications and dealing with the healthcare system. The focus will be on promoting patient advocacy as well as using evidence based information. Also, I would like to promote family centered care as from personal experience, I know that chronic illness and surgery has a major impact on the patient and their families. All members of a family need support whether they are the individual going through the health crisis or the family member who is the caregiver(s). I truly believe that keeping families strong will provide greater support to the individual living with an ostomy or diversionary surgery.



**Dave Rudzin**

## FOR DIRECTOR

- Home: Vernon Hills, Illinois
- Occupation: Financial Analyst
- Presently: UOAA Past President & Past Treasurer
- Nominated by: Ostomy Association of Greater Chicago

### □ **Personal Statement:**

My goal was, and still is to find ostomates who are unaffiliated and show them the benefits of affiliating with UOAA. My other goal is to end the stigma that still exists regarding ostomy surgery. We are beautiful, productive people and should be treated accordingly.