

UUFD BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MEMBER BIOGRAPHIES, FY2022



PRESIDENT: John Redemske

John Redemske moved to Durango nine years ago with his wife after spending thirty-two years working as a metallurgical engineer in southern New Hampshire. An active member of the Unitarian Universalist congregation in Milford, NH for about fifteen years, he served on a team that doubled the size of the 1888 vintage church building; adding proper classrooms, offices and a fellowship hall. He has served as UUFD Building & Grounds Committee Chair for the last five years, coordinating the office suite conversion and the expansions of the sanctuary and chancel. This past year he has also served as a Member-At-Large on the Board of Trustees. Retirement in Durango allowed for lots of hiking and horseback riding with his now late wife Susan. He is an avid contra dancer. He has one adult daughter, one adult stepdaughter and an eight year-old granddaughter.



VICE PRESIDENT: Terri Reherman

Terri Reherman has been an active member of UUFD for the past 17 years. She has previously served as a Board Member and as a member of the Social Justice Team. She was employed as the Director of Faith Formation. Terri teaches writing at Fort Lewis College and previously taught communications at San Juan College for 25 years. She enjoys the active Durango lifestyle including skiing, hiking, camping, and gardening. Continuing in her role as Board Vice President, Terri promises to do her best to serve our beloved community.



SECRETARY: Carolyn Miller

My "present husband" of 43 years is Tim Miller. We have two daughters and 3 grandchildren. I found UUism after taking the "Cakes For The Queen of Heaven" class in the 1980s at the Jefferson UU Church in Golden, CO. In 1990, we moved to Houston and joined First UU of Houston. After I retired as a geology and environmental science professor, we decided to escape the Houston heat and humidity. The welcoming and warmth of the UUFD congregation convinced us to move to Durango, and we joined in 2013. I served as chair of the Nominating and Leadership Development Committee last year and co-chaired Membership for 2 years. My Healing Racism work and the White Fragility Discussion group have been my most transforming and enlightening experience. As an adult child of alcoholics, I am also active in local recovery groups, especially Al-Anon. My interests include most outdoor activities around Durango, but not rock-climbing! Geology continues to be my favorite hobby, but gardening, archeology, and Climate Change provide other learning opportunities.



MEMBER-AT-LARGE: Jill Bystydzienski

For over forty years, I was a college professor (teaching sociology and women's studies) and administrator; first at Franklin College of Indiana, then at Iowa State University, and finally at Ohio State University. I retired in 2018 from OSU and moved with my husband, Hal Pepinsky, to Durango to join our daughter, her husband, and our two grandchildren. Before becoming a member of UUFD, I occasionally attended UU services in Indiana, Iowa and Ohio. I have volunteered through UUFD at Manna Kitchen, am a member of a Covenant Group, and recently served on the Covenant Groups

Task Force. I enjoy hiking, reading, writing, working for local political candidates, and spending time with my grandchildren. I look forward to contributing my skills and experience serving UUFD as Member-At-Large on the Board of Trustees.



MEMBER-AT-LARGE: Steve Govreau

I moved to Durango with Lisa and my two eldest sons in 1993, to escape to fresh air, beautiful vistas, and where our family could be raised in community. The air must have been nourishing as we now have three sons and a daughter. I have enjoyed a variety of careers, including cartography and purchasing, and retired about a year ago. Now I fill my time with fly fishing, boating, the occasional hike, struggle with golf and writing, and enjoy landscaping, the highlight of which is building a water feature. I am honored to have participated on several professional and local boards and committees, including serving on the High Noon Rotary board, peaking as President, and serving as Co-Chair of District 9-R's Blue Ribbon Facility Committee, which successfully passed the largest bond issue as of that time (about twelve years ago), which included building a new Riverview Elementary School and additions and upgrades to all District facilities. I would like to see UUFD continue to provide and be a safe space for all people and beliefs.



TREASURER: Rachael Lasiewicz

Rachel Lasiewicz is a Durangotang through and through. Raised in Durango, Rachel loves everything this area has to offer. You can usually find her exploring the mountains, cooling off at the lake, or going for a morning run. A licensed Certified Public Accountant in Colorado since 2012, she currently works as a Controller for the AccountingDepartment.com. She also manages a small portfolio of local clients through her personal company RL Financial Services. She earned her B.A. in Accounting from Fort Lewis College before beginning her career in auditing for the firm Moss Adams in Albuquerque. Most recently, she was the Controller of LPEA before leaving in 2019 as the Interim Chief Financial Officer. Rachel has served as Treasurer for UUFD this past year and looks forward to this upcoming year.



REV. KATIE KANDARIAN-MORRIS

Katie has been a UU since age 5, and a member of UU congregational Boards since 1993, when she was a lay leader at First Universalist Church, Denver. Then, since her first call, she's been an ex-officio member of the board every year. She believes that board work is holy work, and those who serve are doing the activities of shared ministry and discernment.