Salem Athenæum

New Trustees Recommended by the Trustees for Approval by the Proprietors, 2021



Joyce Maroney

Joyce retired in 2020 from an almost 40 year career in the high tech industry. She most recently served as the founder and executive director of The Workforce Institute at Kronos, a think tank focused on empowering organizations through education and research about workplace practices. As a spokesperson for Kronos, she was quoted frequently in national media on a variety of workforce topics.

Prior to Kronos, she served held positions in marketing, sales, and operations for Brass-Ring, Lotus/IBM, Software AG, and Wang Laboratories. She holds a Master's degree in business administration from Boston University Graduate School of Management, and a Bachelor's degree in biology from Middlebury College. She served on the Boards of the Association of Employment Professionals, the Childrens' Trust Fund of MA and Girls Inc. of Lynn. She served on the Advisory and Finance Committee for the Town of Nahant for 6 years and chaired that committee for 3 years. Volunteer awards include Citizen of the Year in Nahant in 2012, and a Leading Women Award from the Girl Scouts in 2013.



Jodie Salasny

Jodie is an attorney at Dalton & Finegold, LLP, where she focuses on residential real estate. Prior to Dalton & Finegold, she was a Broker/Associate with Coldwell Banker Realty, based out of Salem and Beverly. Previously, she practiced law in Boston at a major firm for over 15 years, where she represented international financial institutions and private equity sponsors. She has a Juris Doctor from Suffolk University Law School and a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from Long Island University.

A firm believer in giving back, she was a coach to low-income women through the non-profit Budget Buddies. She also performed pro-bono work with the Elder Law Project through the Women's Bar Association. Originally NY transplants, she, her husband Doren, and their two cats have called Salem home since 2005. She enjoys antiquing. She successfully ran the Boston, New York, Toronto (twice), Buffalo, and Bay State (twice) marathons and is looking forward to completing more.

Officers Recommended by the Trustees for Approval by the Proprietors



Clerk: Patti O'Neil (Trustee since 2018)

Patti is a resident of Marblehead, Massachusetts, and is a regular volunteer at the Salem Athenaeum. She graduated from Endicott College with a degree in Business Management. Patti owns and operates her own human resources consulting firm, Patti O'Neil Consulting, which services software and life science start-up companies in the Boston area. She races sailboats competitively in both one design and handicap fleets and currently owns and races her own Town Class sailboat. She's a member of the Boston Yacht Club (BYC) in Marblehead and has volunteered on its membership committee, race committee, and MOHR (Marblehead to Halifax Race) committee in past years.



Treasurer: William J. Lundregan Esq. (Trustee since 2018, Treasurer since 2019)

Bill is a veteran lawyer who has also served the North Shore area and dedicated himself to estate planning, estate and municipal laws, and other practice areas. A Proprietor of the Salem Athenaeum since 1981, he currently serves as Treasurer.

Trustees Recommended for Term Renewal by the Proprietors



Wendy S. Biggs

Wendy has been an avid volunteer at the Salem Athenaeum, served as Vice President of the Board and as chair of the Membership Committee, and currently co-chairs the Facility Planning Committee. She graduated from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois with Bachelor's degree in Medieval English Literature and has a certificate in Museum Studies. Wendy is a business continuity coordinator and senior executive assistant with Manulife/John Hancock Financial Services in Boston.



Owen Mathieu

Owen Mathieu, a resident of Marblehead, grew up in the Maryland suburbs of Washington D.C., and moved to Massachusetts in 1974. He graduated from Princeton University and the Howard University College of Medicine, and trained in Pediatrics at the University of Chicago. He was the director of ambulatory pediatrics at Boston City Hospital (now Boston Medical Center), then medical director of North Shore Children's Hospital from 1990 to 2000, finally retiring from a pediatric practice in 2013. He received the honorary degree Doctor of Humane Letters from Salem State University in 2001. After closing his office, he worked on a medical team in the city of Esteli, Nicaragua for three years.

He served six years on the Board of Trustees of the Tower School of Marblehead, and on the board of Bottom Line, a Boston foundation that coaches and supports low-income first-gen college applicants. He serves on the board of the Princeton Prize in Race Relations.

Owen is a member of the Marblehead Yacht Club and enjoys skiing (cross-country only now), cooking, cycling and sailing with his wife Eileen, also a retired physician.



Gus Sousa

Gus Sousa has lived in Salem for 15 years and is the President of Collins Cove Appraisers & Conservators. Gus is a trained historic Preservationist who specializes in 17th through 20th century books and document restoration, coins, stamps and maritime-related items. He received his Bachelor of Arts in Historic Preservation from Roger Williams University. Gus volunteers for the Salem Farmers Market, races sailboats in the Wednesday Evening Race series in Marblehead and enjoys traveling with his wife Ann.



Diane Stern

Diane Stern anchored the news from 1983 to 2016 at WBZ radio, covering presidential elections, the Gulf Wars, 9/11 attacks, capture of James "Whitey" Bulger, the Boston Marathon bombings, and many other history-making events. She was named to the Massachusetts Broadcasters Hall of Fame shortly after her retirement and won the 2017 Regional Edward R. Murrow Award for Best Newscast. Stern is a featured film/ tv background actor, and voice-over artist and serves on the Board of Trustees and is an ESL tutor at the Immigrant Learning Center in Malden. For the Athenaeum, she co-chairs the Cultural Programming Committee and the Salem Literary Festival.