



CLAM Board Election Process 2020

Like many Community Land Trusts, CLAM has a board structure that aims to ensure a balance of interests and perspectives on the board. A description of each of the 3 categories that comprise CLAM's tripartite board structure (Lessee, General Member, and Public Representative) is listed below, along with Trustees that serve the Board from each category.

CLAM strives to preserve a balance of board members in each category. The actual number of board members occupying each category is also dependent on the annual Trustee nomination process and individuals able to serve.

If you are a CLAM member, you can nominate a person(s) to the Resident and General Member categories. These nominees will meet with our nominating committee to learn about the responsibilities of Board service. Should they accept the board responsibilities, a nominee would then be elected by the CLAM membership at CLAM's annual meeting. The Board itself nominates those in the Public Representative category, though suggestions are welcome from the membership. The entire proposed board slate is shared on our website at least 5 days in advance of the annual meeting. Bylaws articulate a board of 12-15 members.

NOMINATION TIMELINE 2020 for Annual Meeting: Thursday September 24th, 2020

- By/On Aug. 10: CLAM sent notice to membership of upcoming Annual Meeting, including a call and timeline for nominations to the Board.
- Aug. 21: Last Day for nominations for Board
- Aug. 24-Sept. 3: CLAM Nominating Committee met with nominees
- By/On Sept. 19: CLAM posts proposed Board Slate on website for member review in advance of Annual Meeting. **Note original meeting date pushed back due to Woodward Fire.*
- Sept. 24: Annual Meeting; membership votes on Board nominees

Resident or "Lessee" Member Category

This includes anyone who rents or owns a CLAM Home, any CLAM member who rents in CLAM's service area of West Marin (Tomales, Marshall, Point Reyes, Olema, Inverness Park, Inverness, Stinson Beach), or any CLAM member who holds a position to represent the interests of those who would benefit from a CLAM home (example: school personnel, community service staff, healthcare staff, etc).

Current Board members

Natalia Meyerson
Eric Oldmixon (Secretary)
Nancy Vayhinger
Elvira Xaxni

2020 Slate/1 Open Position

Jorge Martinez (desires to renew 3-year term)

General Member Category

This includes any CLAM member who, by definition, lives in West Marin and is current in annual membership dues to CLAM.

Current Board members

Corey Ohama (President)
Kerry Livingston
Maureen Cornelia
Myn Adess

2020 Slate/2 Open Positions

Laurie Monserrat (Treasurer)(desires to renew 3-year term)
Susan Brayton (desires to renew 3-year term)

Public Representative Category

This includes anyone with a skill set identified by the CLAM Board of Directors to be helpful to CLAM's work as a non-profit, affordable housing organization. These members are nominated by the Board of Directors, and voted upon by the general membership. Examples of persons include those with experience in finance, affordable housing, political interests, real estate, etc. Members in this category do not have to reside in West Marin.

Current Board members

Mike Hogan (legal, land-use)
Pamela Wright (financial)

2020 Slate/2 Open Positions

Susan Scott (legal, taxation) (desires to renew 3-year term)
David Sherwood (real estate, finance) (replacing Marshall Livingston, who is stepping down)

Youth Representative

Diego Chavarria

ABOUT THE 2020 CANDIDATES

Resident or "Lessee" Member Category



Jorge Martinez, grew up in Inverness and Point Reyes, mostly on dairy ranches. After the closing of the Giacomini Dairy Ranch in Point Reyes, his family was left without a job or a home, as their employer provided housing for agricultural employees. Unable to find an affordable house in West Marin, they moved to Petaluma and commuted daily to Point Reyes Station for work and school. In 2005, his family qualified for EAH housing Point Reyes Affordable Homes, thanks to the ongoing effort and commitment of the community to provide affordable housing for working families. After graduating from Tomales High School, he attended Santa Rosa Junior College and later graduated from Sacramento State University's Engineering Department with a degree in Construction Management and a B.S. in Administration. He works for West Marin Community Services coordinating aid to the immigrant community. He is actively involved locally with West Marin Standing Together and Abriendo Caminos. Jorge serves on the Finance Committee.

General Member Category



Laurie Monserrat, Treasurer moved to Point Reyes from Sacramento in 2004. She lives with her wife and teenage nephew in the first house built by fellow board member Marshall Livingston. Laurie currently works as a scientist with Cal/EPA, as an education consultant for the North American Association for Environmental Education, and as a bookkeeper for the Marin Interfaith Task Force on the Americas. Laurie became interested in housing issues during her time with the Sacramento co-housing community. She volunteers at West Marin School and with Canine Companions for Independence.



Susan Brayton is a founding member of CLAM since 2001 and has been a continuous member of the Fundraising Committee, now serving as its co-chair. She has lived in Inverness since 1977. She participated in the initial community meetings about affordable housing that gave birth to CLAM. She provides two rentals on her property whose tenants work locally. She has extensive experience in office management and business administration for nonprofit and for-profit organizations in the Bay Area and elsewhere. Locally, she volunteers as an Internet forum moderator and consultant for West Marin Commons/Commons Connect and teaches English to Latinas. She is an artist and has shown her work in many venues. She was co-president of the board of Gallery Route One and a long-time volunteer for Guide Dogs for the Blind breeding program in San Rafael.

Public Representative Category



Susan Scott, Founding Member. After visiting Point Reyes since 1975, in 2003 she moved to Inverness from Sacramento, where she raised children and worked as an attorney for 22 years. She spent 15 of those years organizing, developing and living in one of the first American urban cohousing projects (Southside Park Cohousing) and the first with an affordable financing program for low- and moderate-income residents. In addition to setting up the cohousing project, her legal career has involved farmworker labor rights, nonprofit formation and taxation, criminal appellate defense and, since 2006, international human rights. Upon moving to Inverness, she immediately began working for affordable housing and joined the first CLAM Board in June of 2002. She has served continuously on the Property Committee. She is active with the California Community

Land Trust Network Policy Committee, promoting legislation to facilitate the CLT homeownership model statewide.



David Sherwood, Property Committee, recently retired from a career in real estate investment management. He was the Head of Global Real Estate for one of Europe's biggest pension fund managers, and for over two decades he was the CEO of its US investment management company which acquired and managed a substantial portfolio of commercial and residential assets. He also served as a Board Member and Chairman of a large international real estate association. He and his wife have owned a home in West Marin since 1996, and have lived in Marshall since 2011. His involvement with CLAM reflects a belief that we need more affordable housing here because socio economic diversity is a key component in sustaining a healthy community.