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Washburn-Norlands Foundation, Inc.

Welcomes Four New Members to its Board of Trustees

Livermore, Maine – Washburn-Norlands Foundation Welcomes Four New Members to its Board of Trustees, bringing the total number of Trustees to twelve. These members were unanimously voted in at the March 25 meeting for a three-year term. The Washburn-Norlands Foundation Inc. oversees Norlands, the ancestral home of the Washburn family and Maine’s premier living history museum. Norlands is on the National Register of Historic Places.

“We welcome them and greatly appreciate their willingness to serve. Each brings a unique set of skills and experience and will be a tremendous asset to Norlands as we move the organization into the future. We look forward to working with them,” commented Harry Simon, president of the board.

New members as of March 25, 2019 include:

Chandler Buie is an Operations Forester with American Forest Management, where he manages large tracts of forest for various owners. Previously he was a forester with Prentiss & Carlisle in Bangor. He received his Bachelor of Science in Forestry from the University of Maine and has taught Adult Education classes on sustainable woodlot management. Chandler is excited about the possibility of extending the trail system at Norlands and expanding the outdoor recreational uses of the property. He resides in Buckfield on his hobby farm with his wife and daughters. Chandler enjoys helping with his kids sports and spending time outdoors with his family.



Chandler Buie

Colleen Fournier is currently Assistant Vice President, Commercial Loan Officer for Androscoggin Bank where she has worked since 2015. She was just voted as Androscoggin Bank’s Officer of the Year for 2018. Prior to her banking career, she worked at Sappi Paper Mill in Westbrook and for Swarovski Crystal in Rhode Island. Colleen enjoys building relationships and has valued volunteering and giving back to the community since an early age. She is a graduate of Bryant University in Rhode Island. Colleen also volunteers with Rural Community Action Ministry in Leeds, Auburn-Lewiston Rotary Breakfast Club, and the Small Business Committee at Androscoggin Bank. She became enamored with living history as a child growing up in Massachusetts through her visits to Plimoth Plantation, Old Ironsides, and Old Sturbridge Village. She first volunteered for Norlands’ Civil War Living History Weekend in 2017.



Colleen Fournier

For her, joining the Board combines her passion for business and civic engagement while helping to keep the history of Norlands alive.

Thad Gabryszewski is Vice President of Lincoln Haney Engineering in Brunswick. Previously, he was an associate engineer and project manager for Amec Foster Wheeler in Portland. A licensed structural engineer with a keen interest in buildings, Thad has worked on historic churches, theatres, multi-story offices, mills, and homes. He has taught a wide range of graduate classes for Norwich University. Thad received his B.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of Connecticut and his M.C.E. in Structural Engineering from Norwich University. He has served on several volunteer committees and looks forward to bringing his skills in fund raising, event planning, and organizational development to Norlands. Thad lives in Biddeford with his wife and two children where he is actively involved with the Boy Scouts and local preservation efforts.



Thad Gabryszewski

J. Tayloe Washburn resides in Seattle, Washington, and is a retired land-use attorney and litigator. For 29 years, he worked for the Northwest regional law firm, Foster Pepper LLC where he managed large public and private projects such as runways, mass transit, and complex real estate developments. In 2012 he was asked to serve as the Founding Dean and CEO of a new Northeastern University – Graduate Campus in Seattle, located in the city’s tech hub. He managed the planning and development of the campus from its start point to when it had approximately 600 students enrolled in 2016. Tayloe is a graduate of Stanford University and received his JD from the University of Washington.

Concurrent to his career work, Tayloe has played an active role in many civic and nonprofit organizations throughout Washington State, such as in public housing forums, economic councils, and public education. He is an author and commentator on regional issues and was a longtime board member and chair of the Greater Seattle Chamber of Commerce. He has served on the boards of Shoreline Community College, Bastyr University, Cascade Land Conservancy and Washington Technology Industry Association.



Tayloe Washburn stands next to a portrait of his great-grandfather, William Drew Washburn

Tayloe has a family connection to the Norlands. He is the great-grandson of William Drew Washburn, who was born at Norlands in 1831. William Drew went on to serve in both the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate. He settled in Minneapolis where he got involved in lumbering and flour milling. He founded Pillsbury-Washburn Milling Company, which later became Pillsbury Company. Tayloe is thrilled to be more involved with Norlands and will use his skills to reconnect other Washburn descendants to Norlands, organize a legacy giving program, and see the library at Norlands fully restored.

The newest trustees join an existing slate of volunteer members including:

Mary Castonguay, Owner - Castonguay Ayrshires LLC (Livermore)

Jennifer Colby-Morse, Personal Care Assistant (Dixfield)

Jane Frost, Artist and Retired Teacher (Richmond)

Ron Kley, Partner - Museum Research Services (Winthrop)

David Leach, Owner - D.L. Electric Inc. (Waterville)

Carolyn Lawson, Laboratory Instructor - Bates College (Lewiston)

Garnett Rutherford, Boiler Operations Manager - Hancock Lumber (Bethel)

Harry Simon, Retired Owner - Simon Gallery (Rangeley)

Washburn-Norlands Living History Center preserves the heritage and traditions of rural life in Maine's past, celebrates the achievements of Livermore's Washburn family, and uses living history methods to make values, activities, and issues of the past relevant to present and future generations. The 445-acre property includes the stately Victorian Washburn home dating to 1867 with attached farmer's cottage and barn, a gothic-style granite library, a Universalist meetinghouse, a one-room schoolhouse, and an expanse of picturesque working farmland.

Washburn-Norlands Living History Center is located at 290 Norlands Road in Livermore. For more information about Norlands and upcoming programs and events, visit www.Norlands.org.

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