

# **MA/RI-TACF Annual Meeting December 2, 2017**

MacLeish Field Station, Poplar Hill Road, Whately MA

## **Elections 10:15am**

Board Members Present: Lois Melican, Denis Melican, Rufin Van Bossuyt, Jamie Donalds, Brian Clark, Michael Novack, Kathy Desjardin, Paul Wetzel, Yvonne Federowicz, Mike Grames, Josh Soojian

## **Officers (1-yr term):**

Lois Breault-Melican, President  
Yvonne Federowicz, V.P. for Communications  
Brian Clark, V.P for Orchard Management  
Michael Novack, Treasurer  
Kathy Desjardin, Secretary

## **Board Members (2-yr terms beginning 1st of January):**

Karen Jones 2018 -- new board member!  
John Emery 2001  
Denis Melican 2005  
Rufin Van Bossuyt – Charter, 2001  
Mike Grames 2016 - ?  
Charlotte?

Roy Najecki did not seek re-election.

## **The nominated slate was elected unanimously.**

Josh Soojian introduced a MA forester with interest in chestnut.  
Our Chapter hopes to locate consulting foresters and similar professionals who can help in orchards.

Dr. Brian Roth and Josh coordinated setup of Continuing Education Credit for Dr. Roth's talk.  
The organizations involved are:

(Yvonne to ask Josh)

## **Conclusion of Board Meeting 10:55pm**

## **Annual Meeting: 11am-3pm**

- Annual Board Meeting and elections – chapter business

- Welcome Lois Melican
- Chestnut 101 Brad Smith
- Chapter History Lois Melican, Rufin
- Orchard Tour Paul Wetzel
- CHESTNUT BUFFET
- Orchard Development Report Brian Clark
- Volunteer and Squirrel Awards to Mark Meehl and Dave Lent

- **Keynote:**  
**American Chestnut and New England Forest Ecology**

Dr. Brian Roth Acting Director, Cooperative Forestry Research Unit,  
School of Forest Resources, University of Maine

- Question & Answer Panel Brian Roth, Rufin
- Van Bossuyt, Brian Clark, Yvonne Federowicz
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- 3:00 Adjourned

Attendance was great!