



WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS

**APPALACHIAN MTN CLUB
BE OUTDOORS**

2021 Annual Meeting

November 5, 2021

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Online via Zoom

Program

- 5:00 p.m. Online social time
- 5:30 p.m. Welcome
Chapter Year in Review
AMC Update
- 6:00 p.m. Business Meeting
- Election of 2022 Officers and Committee Chairs
 - Vote on Revised Chapter Bylaws
- 6:30 p.m. Volunteer Recognition
- In Memoriam – Gloria LaFlamme
 - Appie of the Year Award
 - MVPs and New Trip Leaders
- 7:00 p.m. Adjourn



2022 Executive Committee

Officers

Chair: Brant Cheikes
Vice Chair: Jim Walton
Treasurer: Jaclyn Jones
Secretary: Rosalee Walter

Committee Chairs

Appalachian Trail: Debra Weisenstein
Bicycling: Janine Papesh
Communications: Rick Whitney
Conservation: Robert Cherdack & Rosalee Walter
Justice, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion: Dawne Piers-Gamble
Family Programs: Dawne Piers-Gamble & Laura Stinnette
Membership/Social: *vacant*
Mountaineering: Chris Neil & Chris Thompson
New England Trail: Ray Girard
Nominating: Cosmo Catalano, Kathy Martin, Jan Alicia Nettler, Jack Spear
Outings: Kathy Martin
Paddling: Dee Dice, Mary Therese Durr, Bonna Wieler
Training and Education: Bill Fogel
Young Members: Jack Spear

Other

Social Media Editor: Jeannette Pierce
Trip Approver: Kathy Martin
Webmaster: *vacant*
Regional Director: Charlie Arsenault
Regional Trails Coordinator: Liam Cregan
Tuesday Hiking: Mary Moriarty
Past Chair: Martin Mahoney

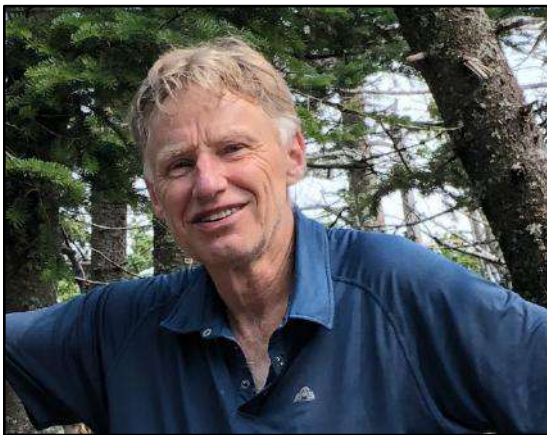
Contact information available at <https://www.amc-wma.org/excom>

2022 Officers (1 of 2)

Brant Cheikes Chair



Brant first joined the AMC's Boston Chapter in 1993. Brant was active in the chapter's Membership Committee, where he met his wife Janine. Together they discovered a shared passion for cycling and cross-country skiing. In 2016, they relocated to the Connecticut River Valley and transferred their AMC affiliation to the Western MA Chapter. Soon after they volunteered to launch the Chapter's first bicycling committee. Western MA Bicycling has expanded each year, running 23 trips in 2021 supported by six volunteer trip leaders. Brant has served as Chapter Chair since November 2019. He lives in Whately where he enjoys saying hello to cows and observing the agricultural cycle of life in a small rural farming community.



Jim Walton Vice Chair

Jim is a longtime AMC member and joined the Western Mass chapter after moving to Shutesbury several years ago. He has benefited from many fabulous experiences exploring the New England segments of the AT and is pursuing ways to give back and support AMC by using some of the skills developed during an engineering/business career. When not hiking, Jim may be found biking, skiing, cross country skiing or on some other outdoor adventure. Jim has two grown kids who share his love of the outdoors

2022 Officers (2 of 2)



Jaclyn Jones Treasurer

Jaclyn joined the Western MA Chapter of the AMC right before the COVID pandemic and about a year after re-locating to Massachusetts from Illinois. While she hasn't participated in many chapter activities yet, she has utilized her AMC's *50 Best Day Hikes in Central Massachusetts* book to do more hiking in the past two years than in the previous 20 years. During the daytime she spends her hours serving as an accountant for the Department of Veterans Affairs in Leeds, Massachusetts. She has her CPA license and is working on earning her Certified Government Financial Management certification. When she isn't working or hiking with her wife, Perrine, she enjoys puzzles, woodworking, or growing mushrooms.



Rosalee Walter Secretary

Rosie's passion for nature and the outdoors was, in part, due to the backpacking trips her family would take in the White Mountains in New Hampshire during her childhood. Even as a child, she had been a member of the AMC. After she graduated from college with a B.S. in Environmental Studies, Rosie sought out involvement with the Western Mass chapter of the AMC as part of the Conservation Committee. She has been a co-chair of the Conservation Committee since September 2020 and has been taking over as chapter secretary since January 2021. Rosie enjoys hiking with her dog, skiing, horseback riding, and spending time with her friends and family.

In Memoriam

Gloria LaFlamme (1930-2021)



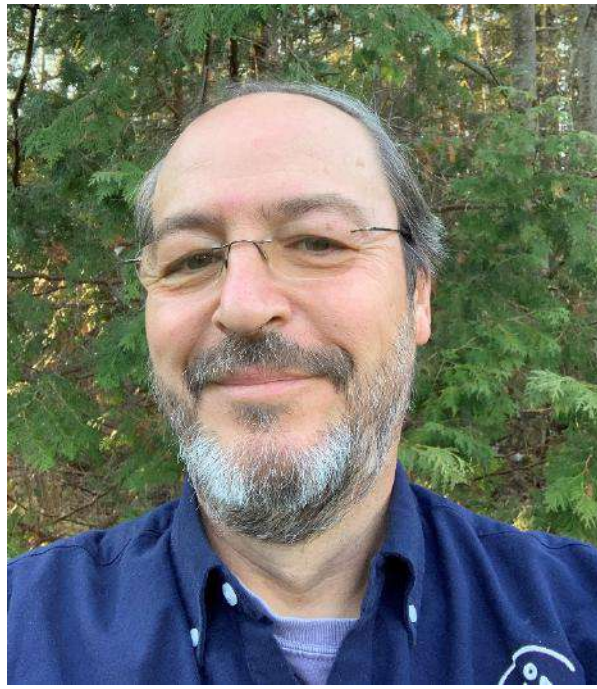
Founder of the Tuesday Hikers group

Extraordinary Leader

Enthusiastic AMC Supporter

AMC Leadership Team Speaker

Paul Cunha



Paul Cunha is the Vice President of Operations for the Appalachian Mountain Club. Starting with the AMC in 1981, Paul has held various positions including Construction Manager, White Mountain Operations & Trails Manager, and Outdoor Program Centers Director; managed the construction and opening of the Highland Center in Crawford Notch, as well as many rebuilding projects in the Huts, Camps and Lodges. Paul is currently responsible for Trails Operations, Shelters, Camp Dodge, Club-wide Lodging Destinations including Volunteer-led Camps and Cabins, Capital projects, Merchandising and Operational Support (Fleet, Maintenance, Purchasing and Logistics). Paul has been a member of the AMC's Leadership Team since 1997 managing operations throughout the AMC region from Harriman State Park in NY to the Maine Woods Initiative in ME. His office is located at the Pinkham Notch Visitor Center. Paul and his wife Carol live in Jefferson, NH and enjoy hiking, world travel and gardening.

Awards and Recognition

Appie of the Year – TBA

The *Appie of the Year* award recognizes outstanding sustained commitment in service and leadership in the Western Massachusetts Chapter of the AMC.

Past Awardees

- Roger Beer ● Jan Alicia Nettler ● Elizabeth Dillman ● Mike Zlogar
● Cosmo Catalano ● Jon Hanauer ● Edwin Daniels ● Jim Pelletier ● Pat Fletcher
● Christine Fogarty ● Rob Robertson

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20's-30's

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Appalachian Trail

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Bicycling

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Family

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Mountaineering

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Outings

TBA

Paddling

TBA

New England Scenic Trail

TBA

Chapter Trip Leader MVPs

