

Sleeping Giant Park Association: Board of Directors

The Association shall be governed by a Board of Directors (“the Board”), which shall include: **Officers, Standing Committee Chairpersons, and Directors-at-Large.**

Each members of the Board of Directors is expected to attend all Board meetings. The Board meets from 3-6 times annually in addition to an Annual Meeting.

Officers:

1. The President presides at and facilitates all meetings of the Board and at the Annual Meeting of Members. The President is also in communication with and reports on activities of organizations that are related to the Sleeping Giant, and of the DEEP.
2. The Vice-President assists and stands in for the President.
3. The Treasurer manages the finances and maintains the fiscal records of the organization.
4. The Corresponding Secretary monitors the mail, disseminating materials to other committee chairs as required, and responding to mail as needed.
5. The Recording Secretary keeps the minutes.

Committee Chairs:

1. Trails Crew Chair organizes work crews that meet weekly, prioritizing tasks which include trash detail, trail blazing, brush removal, trail obstacle monitoring, and erosion control.
2. The Webmaster monitors and maintains the SGPA web and arranges for host space and online document storage.
3. The Land Acquisition Chair monitors and reports the availability of properties contiguous to the park for possible acquisition, negotiates with property owners for sale of properties, and works with the State of CT on transferring acquired land to the State.
4. The Butterfly Garden Coordinator works under direction of the Environmental Stewardship Committee, consults with members of Butterfly Garden Committee in order to assess the needs of the garden as it grows, recruit volunteers and organize volunteer activities in the garden, such as weeding, watering, planting and transplanting, keeps and inventory of plants and lists of wildlife seen in the garden, and provides periodic reports to the Board of Directors.
5. The Community Outreach Chair works with other Board members and committees to publicize events and programs, and to share information of possible interest to the public via online forums and social media. The chair also works with teachers and others organizations to promote the Giant hosting information tables at various local venues.
6. The Environmental Stewardship Chair informs and educates members of the Board and the public regarding environmental issues affecting Sleeping Giant, oversee subcommittees for various projects such as invasive plant control and the butterfly garden, brings forward suggestions to the Board for projects to protect and enhance the biodiversity of the Park, and sets up a schedule for monthly invasive plant removal and directs the crew of volunteers.

7. The *Giant News* editor solicits informational and artistic contributions for triennial [Is that the right word?] editions of the Association's newsletter, proofs and edits articles as appropriate, and oversees the professional layout, printing, and mailing of the newsletter.
8. The Archivist/Historian files materials of long-term value in the archives (minutes, reports, etc.), reports on findings of historical importance relating to the Giant, and provides historical context for Board deliberations and activities.
9. The Membership Chair organizes the annual membership mailing, processes membership returns, updates and maintains the membership database, and reports regularly to the Board on membership issues.
10. The Merchandise Manager operates the Trading Post and manages the storage facility, fills and mails orders, renews stock as needed, proposes and supervises the design and sale the new items, and keeps records of Trading Post activity.
11. The Hiking Committee Chair plans and organizes, with the Hiking Committee, the series of guided hikes planned for spring, fall, and winter; attends all hikes; and with accompanying committee members monitors the safety and activity of those attending the hike.
12. The Park Naturalist is a scientist who consults with the Association on matters pertaining to natural history of and in the Park.
13. The Scouting Projects Coordinator recruits Boy Scouts for projects, brings prospective projects to the Board for consideration, coordinates projects with the Park Manager and/or Maintainer, oversees works in progress, and publicizes completed projects.

There are also positions for Directors-at-Large who attend meetings, volunteer in various capacities, and learn about Board mandates and activities preparatory for assuming more formal duties.

Current Board Members are:

President	Mike Miller
Treasurer	Lonny Gee
Corresponding Secretary	Karen Marotta
Recording Secretary	Deborah Raynor
Past President	Chuck Schall
Construction Projects Coordinator	John Raynor
Community Outreach Chair	Julie Hulten
Environmental Stewardship Chairperson	Gail Cameron
Giant Master Program Coordinator	Deane Hetric
Hiking Committee Chair	Danny Brass
Historian	Gilbert Spencer
Land Acquisition Chair	Jeff Borne
Membership Chair	Melody Stock
Merchandise Manager	Johanna Becker
Park Naturalist	Sandy Anagnostakis
Trails Crew Chair	Dom DeGennaro
Webmaster	Dick Majka
Director-at-Large	Lisa Knicos
SGPA Legal Advisor	Jeff Donofrio
Park Management - CT DEEP	Jill Scheibenpflug