

Jay Feenan (VP)

This past year we established the critical planning systems to allow the club to introduce additional programming, support the financing of those programs, and have the decision making structure and process in place to support their success. With the formalization of these systems I'm requesting your support of a transition from President to a supporting role of Vice President as we proceed forward as an organization to solidify and expand our offerings as a provider of rowing services to the greater Merrimack Valley. As for my background...

Personal - Married 31 yrs, 3 kids (educated and out of house!), grandfather. **Work** - software engineer, real estate investor. **Education** - BS mechanical (WPI), advanced degrees in software and business. **Athletic Endeavors** - rowing, skiing (DH & XC), long distance running (7 marathons, 10 ultra marathon relays). **Local Rowing Affiliations** - rowed 35 years, MRRA 24 consecutive years (8 yr regatta director of Festival and TRR, 10 yrs board member - Pres, VP, Boat captain, Trustee), Independence RC 3 yrs (2 president). **Past Athletic Affiliations** - MRRA, IRC, Boston Rowing Center, New York Athletic Club, Vesper, Potomac BC, Quinsigamond RC. **Past Coaching Relationships** - WPI (assistant and varsity men), UML (assistant coach), MRRA (LTS coaching) **National Rowing** - US Rowing Team (7 years all over 30 yrs old, 5 year athlete representative), USOC (4 year athlete representative), USRowing - 4 years BOD, 8 years High Performance Committee Chairman (national/Olympic team selection, direct athlete funding system, first Olympic gold M8+ medal in 40 yrs and W8+ in 24 yrs). **International Rowing** - FISA Athletes Commission (6 yrs, 2 Chairman helped in creating in IOC athlete quota system, World Cup Racing series, Olympic qualification system, new rules regulations), 2000 Sydney Olympics Games member of jury. **Rowing Competitive Accomplishments** - medalist Dad Vails, IRA, Canadian Henley (4 time winner), US National Championships (16 medals, 7 gold), US National Team Trials (6 time winner), Head of the Charles (4 medals, one gold)

About the Trustee Positions

Trustees serve for three years. This year's ballot is for the Trustee position that will expire in 2015. The current trustees and their term expirations are:

Jason Holden — 2014

Mark Romanowsky—2013

Joe Bernard—2012

John Ballantine (Treas)

I have been a member of the MRRA club for almost 10 years. In that time I have rowed many of the club boats (single, doubles and quad, eight) and participated in the club regattas as a sculler and volunteer. I have seen the club grow and flourish over the years and I very much feel that all of us should contribute to the club and the sport. We should support MRRA as an active member of the community and do all that we can to expand rowing in the greater Lowell area.

I have served as VP of the Board of Directors for four years and and Treasurer for four years, so I am intimately involved in the growth and management of the club. I was trained as a banker at the Chase Manhattan bank in the 1970s, I have a Ph.D. in economics and finance from NYU, Stern School and I am professor of economics and finance at Brandeis International Business School since 1998. I have also served on the Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen for many years in the Town of Carlisle. In other words, I believe that I have both the finance/accounting experience and the volunteer service to serve as Treasurer of the MRRA for one additional year.

Karen Scammell (Pres)

Karen Scammell has been an MRRA member for the past 11 years, starting as a casual sculler and with the encouragement of The Bad Girls, moving to competitive sculling. Karen was a board member for 4 years, and resigned her board seat at the elections in Dec 2010 to be elected Treasurer. Karen set up a comprehensive budget for the MRRA for CY2011, and also was a driving member of the Membership/Programs committee. In this role, she helped form the programs for this year with expanded Sweep and Sculling. She was also a member of the Coach selection committee. Karen strongly supports the growth of the club and wants to continue to build on community and competitive sweep and also to fill the sculling capacity and increase retention of new rowers. Professionally, she is a VP Sales for \$30MM privately owned company, and has worked for large publicly traded companies as well as small startups in technical sales roles. She is an alum of UML, having graduated Plastics Engineering and rowed sweep all four years in college. She is also the Trustee for the Friends of UMass

MRRA

2012

Annual Meeting

April's European Restaurant
75 Princeton Street
North Chelmsford MA

December 11, 2012

6:30 Arrivals & Cocktails
7:00pm Meeting Start

- Call to order
- Review/approval of the November meeting minutes
- 2012 Review
 - Financial
 - Programs
 - Committees
 - Regattas
- 2013 Base Membership Proposal
- Elections
- New Business
- Adjournment and Annual Party

Dennis McCarthy (Trustee)

Dennis McCarthy is an architect specializing in corporate office and commercial architecture, working in Natick, MA for the last 25 years. He grew up in Lowell, attended LHS, and then went on to Mass Art and Boston Architectural College, none of which had rowing programs at the time. Two of his three children rowed for Lowell High School, and one of his daughters also rowed for UMass Lowell and is a current MRRA member.

Dennis currently resides in Bar Harbor, ME and Lowell, MA where he takes part in community politics as a member of Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Lowell. He has been sculling recreationally for the last seven years, and for the last three has been a member of the MRRA, where he has enjoyed the sense of community he's found, and looks forward to helping it continue to thrive in whatever capacity he can.

Veronica Platzer (Trustee)

4th year as the Head Coach of UMass Lowell Women's Rowing Team ... 13th year as a Division I Women's Rowing Coach—Michigan, Virginia, Wisconsin ... 4th Year Member of the MRRA ... MRRA Committees- Equipment (Currently); Safety (2010) ... 3rd year member of Greater Lawrence Rowing Club.

Additional Rowing Club Membership: Ann Arbor Rowing Club (Michigan), Rivanna Rowing Club (Virginia), Austin Rowing Club (Texas), Fairmount Rowing Club (Philadelphia) ... Former Member of the US Rowing Team-1993

Bob Sengstaken (Trustee)

Bob started rowing on the WPI crew team class of '75, and has continued competing every year in the Head of the Charles. As an MRRA member over the last 25 years, He was first member of MRRA in '86 and then rowed at Amoskeag RC for 6 years and has been back at MRRA since then.

Bob was boat-captain for 5 or so years, during that time he negotiated the purchases of the Amoskeag 4X, Swift 2X, 1x's, Vespoli 2x and 1x, and Fluid 1x. Almost all of the pully systems and the hanging racks were also installed. Bob is a resident of Hollis NH and on weekends enjoys rowing on Squam Lake.

Dottie Semonian (Sec)

I would like you to consider me for the Secretary position. I am well organized, hard working, and willing to learn. I am fairly new to rowing compared to most club members. I am the mother of four young adult children, age 21 to 29. As the kids left for college, I began to have time to devote to something for myself. I always wanted to try rowing.

In the Spring of 2010 the Town of Westford Recreation Department offered a learn to sweep program. We put mixed 8's together with anyone willing to show up and try. We raced in the TRR that year and finished second. The Merrimack River was vast and challenging, I was hooked. The following year I decided to learn to scull through the MRRA program. I was able to meet some rowing pro's and novices that gave great encouragement. This year I organized coached sculling sessions for a small group of interested women. We were able to continue to work and improve our skills, culminating in competing in the Masters Nationals.

I work full time as a Family Nurse Practitioner locally. I am a UMass Lowell graduate. Grew up in Chelmsford MA, lived in Lowell for a number of years and for the past 13 years live in Westford, with my husband Ralph. (does not row, but is fabulous behind the camera lens.)

I worked with the social committee this year. The MRRA has a diverse group of members. I was pleased to see new and old members mix and develop new friendships. I personally have made some great friends!

I look forward to working with the other committee members to advance the growth of our club.

Roland Meijer (Boat Capt)

I started back to rowing 3 summers ago, first in the Masters sweep and then I moved to sculling. Before that, I rowed at ULowell in college in the early years of that program. In the interim decades I have been playing soccer and training in karate where I gained 3rd degree black belt. I have my own business doing machine design and also have a small machine shop in Pepperell. I have been a co-chair of the equipment committee for the past year, and started to compete in sculling as well. I believe that my mechanical abilities will be helpful in the Boatcaptain role and I look forward to continuing to work with the equipment committee and the Board to improve the quality of the fleet and help the club grow.

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