

Slate of Candidates as of May 8th, 2023

In respect to the election of Officers:	For
President	[]
Vice-President Jeffrey Gamble	[]
Treasurer Margaret Skeel	[]
Secretary Jade Fisher	[]

In respect to the election of Directors:

Director Jim Elliott	[]
Director Linda Langenbacher	[]
Director Kirsten Palmier	[]
Director Ingrid Thiessen	[]
Director Elizabeth Verrall	[]
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The Constitution and By-Laws of Nature Regina (amended 2022), under Article 6. Board of Director and Duties, states:

6.1. There shall be a Board of Directors consisting of the immediate Past President, the elected Officers of the Society, and at least five (5) elected Directors who are members in good standing.

6.1.1. The **maximum number of members** of the Board of Directors, both elected and appointed, **shall not exceed twelve (12)**.

2023 Bios

Jeffrey Gamble

Three years into being a board member at Nature Regina Board member I continue to be inspired by the work Nature Regina has done for the last 90 years and I feel fortunate to be a part of the work we do. It truly is amazing what a dedicated group of people can accomplish. As an outdoor enthusiast, nature lover, bird watcher, bee keeper, and jogger I'm passionate about protecting the environment we all share. I look forward to continuing to work with the organization developing our Bird Safe Initiative and strengthening our organization through broad community engagement. It is through a healthy and sustainable relationship with nature that we can all find our own humanity and a shared unifying purpose.

Margaret Skeel

I've enjoyed serving on the Board as Nature Regina's Treasurer for the last ten years, and have been a member since 1985. I've always been interested in nature, both professionally and in my leisure time. My career as a biologist for over 35 years included bird research in forested and prairie areas for government agencies, and development of conservation initiatives while manager at Nature Saskatchewan. During my 14 years at Nature Saskatchewan before retiring in 2011, I expanded programs from the initial Operation Burrowing Owl to an array of successful landowner stewardship programs, and also initiated programs in other education and conservation areas. I continue to be involved with a number of nature organizations. I look forward to continuing my involvement with Nature Regina.

Ingrid Thiessen

Ingrid graduated from the University of Manitoba with a Master of Landscape Architecture degree in 1983. She has worked in Vancouver, Saskatoon and the last 27 years in Regina. This included work both as a private consultant for 17 years and in private practice with landscape architecture firms Crosby Hanna (Saskatoon) and Scatliff+Miller+Murray (Regina). She has been a member of Native Plant Society of Saskatchewan (NPSS) since 1996, a long-time member of Nature Regina (though an inactive member) and has been a board member of the Friends of Wascana Marsh. She recently retired and has written two articles one for the horticultural society called a 'water wise lawn' highlighting blue grama as a possible lawn alternative and one called the "unexpected butterfly garden" for the NPSS. Both are posted on the NPSS website.

Elizabeth Verrall

Since I joined the Nature Regina board in 2022, I have been involved with the 90th Anniversary Team, the Native Plant Garden, the Art Park, and have continue to partner with Nature Regina on the Every Bite Project. Last summer we launched the "Gardens for Change" series. I also helped with fundraising, producing note cards for sale, featuring bird drawings by Trevor Herriot. I would like to continue on Nature Regina board as we continue to implement our plans to celebrate the Society's 90th anniversary, and take steps on our reconciliation journey.

I recently retired after working 16 years in senior policy positions in the Saskatchewan Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport. I have experience in policy development and administration of non-profit organizations and government agencies. My career knowledge focused on voluntary, culture, and cultural industry sectors. I earned a BA in English back in the 80's. I have had training in public policy, group facilitation and non-profit governance and administration. I have experience leading strategic planning, program evaluation, community consultation and grant review processes. As a volunteer and in my career, I have worked in multi-party and cross-sector partnerships with people of diverse backgrounds and perspectives. Prior to joining the provincial public service, I worked as Culture Trust Manager at SaskCulture and Executive Director of the Saskatchewan Motion Picture Association. In my personal life I love to garden and spend time outdoors. I was raised to love and protect the natural world. Now retired I have more time to focus on those interests.

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