

Society News

Report of the Nominating Committee

David Nanney — Springfield, Virginia

The following are offered as candidates for the Society's Board of Directors for the period 2002-2004: Margie Jenkins, Bob Hobbs, and Don Voss. Biographies follow, showing their long interest in azaleas and the purposes and goals of the Azalea Society of America.

Our thanks to the Nominating Committee: David Nanney, chair, and members John Brown, Buddy Lee, and for the assistance of President Joe Schild in developing this proposed slate. Please vote for these directors on the ballot shown on the inside back cover of this issue of **THE AZALEAN**, as well as your vote for the best article published in **THE AZALEAN** in 2001. Mail the ballot back to Secretary, Azalea Society of America by March 1, 2002.

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Margie Y. Jenkins is a well-known nurserywoman from Amite, Louisiana. Margie Jenkins and her late husband, Bryant, started a wholesale nursery over 25 years ago with the

goal of growing native and unusual plants not normally found in wholesale nurseries. Through the years, her passion has paid off and Margie has become recognized throughout the industry for her insight and expertise in growing and selecting unique forms of trees and shrubs, especially evergreen and deciduous azaleas. She is always willing to share her knowledge. Margie is an active member of numerous horticultural organizations and is a charter member of the Louisiana Chapter of the Azalea Society of America. Recently she was awarded the James A. Foret Award from the Louisiana Nursery and Landscape Association in recognition of her service, dedication, and outstanding contributions to the Louisiana green industry.

Robert W. (Bob) Hobbs is a retired astronomer and aerospace engineering manager. He has served the Azalea Society of America in several capacities: he was president of the Ben Morrison Chapter (1986-1987), national vice president (1987-1988) and president (1988-1999), and he and his

wife Belinda (Bee) were editor and associate editor of **THE AZALEAN** from 1989 to 1998. Bob and Bee have an azalea garden at their home in North Beach, Maryland. He is a long-time member of the Ben Morrison Chapter.

Donald H. Voss was an international economist (12 years teaching and 28 years with the Federal government). He served in the Army Transportation Corps of World War II and remained in the Army reserve for over 20 years, retiring from the reserve as a lieutenant colonel. Following retirement from government service, his interest in horticulture and botany has led to 13 years of volunteer work in the US National Arboretum herbarium (not the herb garden!). He served the Azalea Society of America as president of the Northern Virginia Chapter, as chairman of the Board of Directors, and as a reviewer and frequent contributor to **THE AZALEAN**. Don has been a long-time member of the Northern Virginia Chapter.



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