

# Society News

## 2017 Officer Candidates

Excellent leadership is invaluable to our society. The following four candidates for the Executive Committee and three new Board of Directors' candidates have been nominated for two-year terms, 2017-2019. Be sure to fill out the ballot—on the wrapper of this issue—for these officers and mail it back to ASA Secretary Leslie Nanney as directed by March 17, 2017, or email to her at [dnanney@cox.net](mailto:dnanney@cox.net).

## National Officer Candidates

### Rick Bauer—Candidate for ASA President

Rick Bauer and his wife Susan have been members of Northern Virginia Chapter since 2002. Rick served as the chapter vice president of the Northern Virginia Chapter for four years and chapter president for five years. He also served as an ASA director for two years. He was co-chair of the 2016 ASA/ARS Convention in Williamsburg, VA. He also was a member of the team which digitized *The Azalean*. Rick was part of the team which started the “Legacy Project” within the Northern Virginia Chapter. This project is designed to help ensure the continuation of knowledge of azalea hybridizers and their plants and maintain true specimens of their cultivars. He retired from the US Army in 1994 after 20 years of active service and retired in 2011 from Science Applications International Corporation, where he helped develop software applications for Army customers.

### Charles Andrews—Candidate for ASA Vice-president

Charles Andrews of Cumming, Georgia, is a member of the Vaseyi Chapter of the ASA and a former member of the Oconee Chapter. He is a plant lover in general, but his heart is with azaleas. He enjoys writing and speaking on azalea topics, has contributed to *The Azalean*, and serves on the journal's Editorial Advisory Board. He also serves as president of the Azalea Chapter of the ARS. Charles believes the ASA and ASA chapters can be more proactive in membership and knows we have to give value for annual dues in order to retain members. For over 35 years, Charles has been studying American deciduous azaleas, a group of plants that are poorly understood, even today. He and like-minded “azaleaphiles” spend many hours in the field each year trying to better understand the distribution, habitat, characteristics, and dynamics of this amazing plant complex, primarily found in eastern North America. He believes these plants deserve more scientific study and horticultural emphasis. Charles is working to make accurate information on the history, identification, distribution, and culture of native azaleas more available.

### Leslie Nanney—Candidate for ASA Secretary

Leslie Nanney has been an ASA member for more than 36 years. She is a founding member of the Northern Virginia Chapter and has served as its treasurer. She is also a past national director and has served as the national secretary since 2012. Leslie retired from the US Department of Agriculture,



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▲ (Left to right, front row) Carolyn Beck, Brenda Klimavicz (seated on couch). Joe Gutierrez, Barbara Hambrook, Lars Larson (seated behind). Paul Davis is standing in back.

## Texas Chapter

### Sherrie Randall, Secretary

March 18, 2017, the Texas Chapter will host a booth at the Jasper Azalea Festival, where we will again be selling unique azaleas and introducing folks to the ASA. Three-year-old plants grown from cuttings, raised by chapter members, will be available. Most are azalea cultivars not readily found in the retail trade. The event is another step in the chapter's goals to raise scholarship money and to introduce the ASA to more Texans. We will also share past issues of *The Azalean* thanks to those provided to us by Susan Bauer at the great Williamsburg convention.

New members: Joyce Adams, Bill Patton—Nacogdoches, TX, and Judge Judith K. Guthrie, Pat & Linda Alvey—Tyler, TX

## Alabamense Chapter

New member: Morgan Beadles—Auburn, AL

## Central Carolinas Chapter

New Members: Dale Berrong—Danielsville, NC; Julia Prince—Charlotte, NC

## Vaseyi Chapter

New members: Jim & Tami Wagner—Landrum, SC

## New At-large Members

Winifred & Carmen Thompson—Conway, AR; Mail Order Natives—Lee, FL; Patricke Westbrook—Summerville, SC; Glendoick Gardens & Garden Centre—Glendoicke, Glencarse, Perthshire, UK; Pam Hayward—Woodtown, Sampford Spiney, Yelverton, Devon, UK; Alasdair Maclean—Nairn, Highland, UK

allowing much more time to spend in the garden. She and her husband Dave live in Springfield, VA. They are growing more than 1,000 cultivars, concentrating on acquiring complete collections of many prominent hybridizers.

### Paul Beck—Candidate for ASA Treasurer

Paul has been a member of Northern Virginia Chapter since 1983, the chapter treasurer since 2010, chapter webmaster since 2013, and ASA treasurer since 2015. He is very active in the chapter, assisting with plant sales and annual auctions, and creating and maintaining the ASA online membership database. Paul also designed and implemented the ASA online repository for *The Azalean*. He has automated the chapter plant sales with an online inventory, bar code identification tags, descriptions, and photographs. Paul provided this automation capability to the 2016 Joint ARS/ASA convention in Williamsburg, VA, and was also the treasurer for the convention. He holds a PhD in Operations Research and retired from the United States Air Force in 1984 after 20 years of service. In 2012, Paul retired from his second career, after spending 30+ years in software development. He works actively in the garden with Carolyn, his devoted wife of 53 years. They have two children and three grandchildren. Paul enjoys building and flying remotely controlled model airplanes.

### New Board of Director Candidates

#### James G. Campbell

Jim is a retired architect who lives in Covington, LA, on 28 acres where he grows azaleas and camellias. He is presently the president of the American Camellia Society, and previously served on the board of the ASA. He is a member of the Louisiana Chapter of the ASA.

#### Kevin McCorkle

After being introduced to native deciduous azaleas by mentor plantsman Tom Clark, Kevin furthered a passion for those and their companion plants with 20-years attendance at the annual Cullowhee Native Plant Conference at Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, North Carolina. Kevin is a practicing landscape architect (25 years), with a mind toward native plants, conservation, and benefit to wildlife. A Central Carolinas Chapter member, he has recently taken the

lead on the ASA Legacy Project for the Strickland collection and is trying his hand at hybridizing at home.

#### Sally Perkins

Sally Perkins has been a member of the Vaseyi Chapter of the ASA since the mid-90s. While attending the Asheville meeting she realized that she shared the love of native deciduous azaleas with many members. Recently retired from ALS research with veterans and 30 years as a physical therapist, she prefers short productive meetings and fun conference events. With a BS in Botany from University of MD and a MS in Cell Biology from University of IL research doesn't scare her.

## Basic Hybridization Glossary

The hybridization process described in Bullock's article is sexual propagation. Terms used in Table 2 are defined as follows:

Seed lot: all the seed collected from one azalea seed capsule. To protect from chance contamination, the pistil is covered after pollination.

Seed parent: the azalea flower which will bear the hybrid seed after pollination. Petals and stamens are removed so the central female pistil can accept the male parent's pollen.

Pollen parent: male pollen grains from stamens of desired other partner in the hybrid cross.



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