



2021-22 NATIONAL TRUST COUNCIL NOMINEES



Gregory McTaggart, Vice-Chairman

Running unopposed, (two year term)

As a Lifetime Member of the Trust since 1990 and formerly the Vice President of Cayman Operations for Consolidated Water Company, Greg is now retired but dedicates his time as the Chairman of the National Trust's Little Cayman District Committee. He is actively involved in all of it's initiatives including SIRI conservation, Green Iguana B'Gonna, Full Moon Plastic Pickup and many others. Greg is also Assistant Manager of the Little Cayman Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and volunteer for the Little Cayman Turtle patrol for the DoE. An interesting family fact is that his great, great grandfather, Frederick S. McTaggart is buried in Elmslie Memorial Church yard.



Dan Peterson, Treasurer

Running unopposed, (two year term)

Dan is a Financial Advisor and Portfolio Manager at CIBC First Caribbean International and began his involvement with the National Trust by helping to secure corporate donations from several institutions in Grand Cayman. He continues to be instrumental in supporting the Council and Executive Director by providing financial advice on various Trust matters. Dan has also volunteered as the Treasurer for the Trust Bodden Town District Committee. In addition to his career in finance, Dan enjoys spending his time volunteering with a number of associations both on and off the island. He is the current chairman of CIBA's Membership Committee and remains a committed supporter of education. He has been a National Trust Co-Opted Council Member since 2018.



Patricia Bradley, General Elected Member Nominee

Patricia is a founding member of the National Trust, having served on the National Trust Council in some form since the Trust's early days and most recently for the last ten years. She is a current member of the Trust's Environmental Advisory Committee and for many years served as EAC Chair. Patricia also serves on the National Conservation Council. She is a Life Member of the National Trust and has always been involved in environmental issues. She played a key role in developing nature tourism in the Sister Islands. Patricia is the author of several books on Caribbean birds including *Birds of the Cayman Islands* and *Birds of Cuba*.



Natasha Bunting, General Elected Member Nominee

Natasha specialises in providing domiciliary services for offshore companies and registration services for ships and yachts. Natasha spent several years as a corporate administrative assistant for one of the largest Cayman Islands Law Firms where she gained extensive experience in the formation, management, administration of corporations and client accounting. She holds a B.A. (Hons) from York University in Canada and an LLB (Hons) from Exeter University, England and is a long-standing member of Women's International Shipping and Trading Association (WISTA), Cayman Chapter.



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Fred Burton, General Elected Member Nominee

Fred has lived and worked in the Cayman Islands since 1979. In 1990, he founded The Blue Iguana Recovery Programme as a National Trust volunteer. He has authored a number of books including *Threatened Plants of the Cayman Islands - the Red List* as well as *The Little Blue Book*. Fred currently holds the post of Manager of the Terrestrial Unit at the DoE. He formerly worked as the Environmental Programmes Manager of the National Trust and was a key player in establishing the Cayman Islands' terrestrial protected area systems and worked on wildlife conservation habitats. Fred was awarded an MBE for his services in conservation of endangered species.



Melanie Carmichael, General Elected Member Nominee

Raised in the Cayman Islands with 25 years experience serving the private offshore business sector. Melanie's involvement in community projects began with the "Shade Brigade" initiative in 2005. After taking a sabbatical from her corporate career, she recently dedicated herself to the protection of the George Town Harbour marine life, as an active member of the community group CPR Cayman which advocated for a democratic approach to the proposed Cruise Berthing Facility Project. Melanie now works with Sustainable Cayman to advocate protect mangrove wetlands within urban environments. Melanie has served on the National Trust Council as a General Elected Member since 2019.



Lauren Dombowsky, General Elected Member Nominee

Lauren moved from Cayman to the UK for her Master's degree in Environmental Diagnosis and Management in 2011. She worked in London as an Environmental Scientist until 2018, when she returned home to become the Senior Environmental Assessment Officer at the DoE. Lauren was a volunteer with FoodCycle UK, and a result of her efforts, she was shortlisted for the Chartered Institute of Water and Environmental Management (CIWEM's) Young Environmentalist of the Year and also won the Lewisham Mayor's Award for Voluntary Contribution in 2017. In university she won Student Council Member of the Year in 2010. Lauren has been a National Trust volunteer since childhood and is excited for an opportunity to help it achieve its Strategic Plan goals.



Kenneth Ebanks, General Elected Member Nominee

Kenneth is a retired civil servant with his last nine years as Director of the Department of Planning and four years in Ministry of Planning as Senior Strategic Advisor. His current profession is as owner and operator of an architectural drafting company. His community service is long and varied including being past president of the West Bay Heritage Committee, secretary of CI Football Association, Special Olympics volunteer/coach and part of the West Bay Action Committee. He is an advocate for housing for lower-income persons and shoreline protection and prescriptive rights. Kenneth looks forward to serving the National Trust to help fulfill its historic and cultural protection and preservation mandates.



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Cathy Frazier, General Elected Member Nominee

Cathy is a ninth-generation Caymanian and businesswoman with a deep-rooted love for the Cayman Islands' historic heritage and culture. She enjoys genealogy research, supporting cultural and historic events and is an advocate for Cayman's natural environment. She is a member of Cayman Islands Baptist Church and a Trustee Member of the International College of the Cayman Islands. Cathy has served as the Historic Advisory Committee Chairperson for numerous years.



Andrew Gibb, General Elected Member Nominee

As a long-time member of the National Trust, Andrew has been a volunteer and member of the Historic Advisory Committee since 2006. Andrew was elected to National Trust Council in 2012, becoming Chairman of the Historic Advisory Committee. As Chairman of the Trust from 2014 to 2020, he presided over its continuing evolution as a credible and responsible NGO and overseeing several successful programmes during his term. Andrew is a Chartered Architect and Chartered Builder as well as a LEED® Accredited Professional (US Green Building Council). He currently serves on the Cayman Islands Planning Appeals Tribunal.



Lisa Hurlston-McKenzie, General Elected Member Nominee

Lisa is a sustainable development professional whose career spans over two decades. Her Caymanian roots are firmly tied to Pedro St James Great House and South Sound seafarers. Lisa's involvement in the National Trust began nearly 30 years ago inputting data for the Heritage Register and monitoring blue iguanas released in the Botanic Park. Currently, she is a Trust Council member serving the Environmental Advisory, Public Relations and Financial Review Committees and working groups which produced the National Heritage Protection Strategy and Brac Parrot Reserve Management Plan. Lisa continues to serve on the National Conservation Council and the R3 Foundation Recovery Committee.



William Innes, General Elected Member Nominee

Bill is a Lifetime member of the National Trust and has served as Co-opted member of the National Trust Council for many years. After a long and distinguished career with ExxonMobil, Bill now serves as an Executive Advisor. His responsibilities at ExxonMobil included corporate research for engineering and capital project management supporting ExxonMobil's marketing businesses worldwide. He earned an undergraduate degree in Chemical Engineering and a Doctorate in Engineering from Birmingham University. Bill splits his time between his homes on Vancouver Island and Grand Cayman.



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Ian Kirkham, General Elected Member Nominee

Ian has a Doctorate in Biology with a specialty in bird behaviour, and a Master of Science in Psychology specializing in animal learning. He is a past President of NatureServe, and former Chief Ecologist for Zimbabwe. He's studied birds throughout the Arctic, North and Central America, the Caribbean, and Zimbabwe. He currently serves on the Trust's Environmental Advisory Committee and is Deputy Chair of the MP's Advisory Board for North Side.



Ellen Lazzari, General Elected Member Nominee

Ellen is self employed. Her National Trust interests focus on preservation of built heritage and family history, birds and native plants/trees. Ellen has served as a Justice of the Peace since 2004 as well as on Cayman Brac High School PTA as Treasurer from 2010-2015. She took a break from volunteering from 2015 until joining the Trust last year.

Ellen enjoys gardening and reading. She also loves driving and road trips.



Karen Luijten, General Elected Member Nominee

Karen is originally from Toronto and earned her Bachelor of Business Administration from Wilfred Laurier University. Her career started out in Investment Banking where she held progressive roles in Global Markets, her last being Director in the Global Middle Office. She left that position to work in the software compliance field where she has held various progressive roles from Compliance Manager to VP of Sales and Marketing. She has now lived in Cayman for a number of years and has a strong commitment and interest to local conservation. She is now applying her valuable business experience to help garner awareness and raise funds towards mangrove conservation in the Cayman Islands.



Michael McLaughlin, General Elected Member Nominee

Michael's community involvement with Cayman National Cultural Foundation, Cayman Drama Society and Pirates Week varied from performing to directing in these cultural festivities. Michael has also volunteered for Gimmistory, National Trust fundraising events and representing the Cayman Islands overseas as an athlete (CI Volleyball Federation) and actor for CNCF and Tourism Ambassador. Michael has served on the Labour Tribunals Board for several years including being Chairman. He currently acts as Secretary for his Neighbourhood Watch and Beautification Committee.



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Joanne Mercille, General Elected Member Nominee

Joanne has been a National Trust member since 1997. She was a key volunteer for the Wildlife rehabilitation program till 2003. Currently she is a volunteer curator for the National Trust physical herbarium and a team member for cataloguing the digital herbarium database, a consultant for CUC vegetation management and webmaster for two environmental websites. Since 2014 she has owned a native plant nursery retail business that targets their re-introduction as landscaping plant material into new urban habitats



Anna Peccarino, General Elected Member Nominee

Anna is an experienced litigation and alternative dispute resolution partner with over fifteen years post qualification experience gained under the relevant legal systems of London, Paris, Rome, the Cayman Islands and Jersey, Channel Islands.

She has been a co-opted member of the National Trust Council since 2020.



Olivia Scott-Ramirez, General Elected Member Nominee

Olivia is from Cayman Brac where she held various leadership roles as a student, including President of Youth to Youth. While at University in North Carolina, she spent a semester in London before graduating in 1999 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Communications. She had a successful career as the Caymanian Compass' Business Editor and Tourism and Travel Writer for many years, then as a News Anchor with Radio Cayman, before transitioning into the Marketing and Public Relations field. Currently Olivia is the Senior Marketing and Public Relations Manager at Cayman Airways. She has been an Advisor for Junior Achievement and currently sits on the Cayman Carnival Batabano Board of Directors. Olivia has been an active Co-Opted member of the National Trust Council since 2020.



Robert Walker, General Elected Member Nominee

Raised in South Sound in an activist family, Robert graduated with a degree in Geography and Environmental Studies from the University of Victoria in Canada. He engaged in direct action campaigns against old growth forest logging in British Columbia and sailed on campaign with Sea Shepherd Conservation Society against illegal fishing and ocean pollution. After returning to Cayman he worked in financial services, construction and hospitality, where he gained perspective into activities ranging from international capital markets to local building practices and conservation. Robert is now a consultant with a group offering ESG ratings to internationally based companies operating in Cayman, with the aim of improving business practices and raising funds for land preservation through the use of a locally developed model.