

AGS Business: Voting

AGS Members have the final say on how the organization is managed. You elect officers (half of them ever year).

Your officers support the goals of the organization by attending to the business of producing and delivering a high-quality magazine and keeping members informed through the website, newsletter, social media and of course articles in the magazine. There are two initiatives that we need membership to vote on.



First. Constitution and ByLaws. A committee (3 elected officers and 1 chapter president) was formed to review and update this organizational document. The Executive Board and Full Board have approved the edited version, indicating that it is ready for review and approval by you, AGS members. The annotated document is prepared to facilitate your review. Redlined text will be removed and green text will be added. The line to the file is on the home page of our website.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Review the proposed changes to the Constitution & ByLaws by visiting the AGS webpage and clicking on the Constitution/ByLaws link
 - You may also call or email the AGS Secretary to obtain a PDF file by email. americangourdsociety@gmail.com or call/text 610-304-4419
2. After reviewing the proposed changes, please follow the link to Survey (also found on the home page of the AGS website) to approve/disapprove it.
 - The voting will be open for 45 days (ending October 15th).
 - Do you prefer to Vote by mail? Photocopy this page, complete and mail it to AGS at PO Box 2186, Kokomo, IN 46904-2186

Second. Elections. The nominating committee has brought the following candidates forward for consideration. The bios for each are below. A link to the ballot to vote for a candidate for each office is on the home page. Elections will close November 1st.

Candidate for President - Reagan Bitler

Reagan Bitler resides in Hanover, Pennsylvania and has worked as a public school teacher for the past 30 years. He has served as President of the American Gourd Society for

2022 Proposed Updates for AGS Constitution & ByLaws

Read proposed changes online: <https://americangourdsociety.org>
or
request copy by email americangourdsociety@gmail.com

I have read the changes proposed (2022) to the AGS CONSTITUTION

- I Approve proposed changes to Constitution
- I Disapprove proposed changes to Constitution – explain in Comments box (optional)

I have read the changes proposed (2022) to the AGS ByLaws

- I Approve proposed changes to ByLaws
- I Disapprove proposed changes to ByLaws – explain in Comments box (optional)

Comments:

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the past three and a half years. Prior to being elected to this position, he served as President of the Pennsylvania Gourd Society for five years. Reagan has been creating works of art and craft with gourds for more than a decade. He currently operates a studio space and gallery in York, Pennsylvania and is a co-founder of the Collective Rogue Arts, a South Central PA artists collective. Prior to founding the Collective Rogue Arts, he served in the position of President with the Yorktown Craft Guild located in York, PA.

Candidate for 1st Vice President - Judi Fleming

Judi Fleming has been doing gourd folk art and fine art for nearly 30 years and loves to share her knowledge of this versatile vegetable. She is currently the President of the North Carolina Gourd Society and 1st Vice President of the American Gourd Society and is both an AGS certified Judge and Judge Trainer. She teaches gourd classes to a wide variety of audiences all along the east coast including gourd festivals, garden club, church group, Boy and Girl Scouts, fairs, and historic sites. Judi has won many best of shows at gourd festivals, fairs and fine art shows and loves creating with gourds.

Candidate for Secretary - Terry Noxel

Terry Noxel is the incumbent AGS Secretary, a position she has held since 2019. She is also the AGS webmaster, magazine coordinator and author of AGS monthly newsletter. In the past Terry has been AGS Treasurer and

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