



## 2019 RIFMA CONFERENCE- BOARD NOMINEES

### Current Board Members Up for Re-Election

Sarah DeSimone, GZA

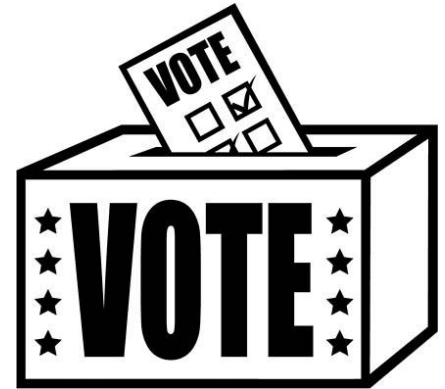
Kenneth Filarski, Principal and Founder of Filarski Architecture Planning Research

Chuck Lowe, Builders Insurance Group

Kate Michaud, Town of Warren

Dave Prescott, Save The Bay

Jennifer West, Narragansett Bay Research Reserve



### Additional (New) Nominees

Janet Freedman, Coastal Geologist with the R.I. Coastal Resources Management Council

- Janet has worked collaboratively with partners at URI, RI Sea Grant and Eastern Connecticut State University on developing the Shoreline Change Special Area Management Plan (BeachSAMP) to examine the combined effects of shoreline erosion, sea level rise, and storm surge. She is currently working to incorporate the BeachSAMP into CRMC policy in order to increase coastal resilience under changing conditions. She is the state administrator for MyCoast and is currently exploring using MyCoast to document the efficacy of nature-based infrastructure projects throughout the state.

About the Nominees...



Joe Dwyer, Risks and Hazards Planner at the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency (RIEMA)

- In his role, Joe is the point of contact to provide assistance to local communities in the administration of the National Flood Information Program (NFIP). Specifically, Joe coordinates with Rhode Island communities to address potential issues and questions that may arise in the local enforcement of the NFIP. Additionally, Joe prepares outreach materials and conducts other educational opportunities to further the institutional knowledge of the NFIP and its purpose and regulations within these communities. Joe has recently returned to Rhode Island after working in Wisconsin as a NOAA Coastal Management Fellow and received his Master's in Marine Affairs from the University of Rhode Island.

Emily Morse, GIS Coordinator, City of Pawtucket

- After earning her BS in Environmental Science and Management in 2017, Emily entered the GIS world to explore her passion for maps and how they enable us to understand and improve our environment. At work you can find Emily curating and analyzing the City's sewer and stormwater database, peeking beneath manhole covers or maintaining city maps and plans. Outside of work, Emily is an avid reader and music lover and can often be found volunteering at the local library or hiking with her dog, George.