

Upcoming Elections

October elections are just around the corner. However, with the current restrictions on large gatherings, it is likely that BSNM will be unable to meet and conduct our annual election of officers in person. We are looking into conducting the election via email and the BSNM website. More details will be provided in emails to the members.

Some current officers are willing to stay on the Board for 2021. However, all positions on the Board are open for anyone who wants to run. For the current version of the bylaws, which contains the complete duties of the officers, go to www.beadsocietynm.org and log in to the website (you may need to register first if you haven't done so before). Click on the Members Only section in the upper right corner and then click on the Bylaws box on the left side of the page that opens (you may need to temporarily disable your pop-up blocker since the PDF opens in a new window or tab). In the bylaws you can read about every position on the Board and decide which one best suits your abilities and your time. The following is a brief description of the duties of the Board positions:

President (currently Pat Verrelle) – Preside at all general and Board meetings; oversee committees; sign contracts with the Treasurer; provide a president's column for the newsletter

1st Vice President-Classes and Special Events (currently Claire Sweeney) – Coordinate instructors and students for bead society-sponsored workshops; create brochures and flyers for workshops, when required; assist with special events in which BSNM participates

2nd Vice President-Programs – Plan and arrange programs for the general meetings and for each Bead Time session

Treasurer (currently Deb Cole) – Be custodian of all BSNM funds; keep an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements; submit a budget for Board discussion and approval; make payments in accordance with the budget upon receipt of receipts and completed reimbursement forms; prepare monthly financial reports; file taxes and renew business license

Secretary (currently Indea Sanchez) – Record the proceedings of the Board meetings and the October general election meeting; send minutes to Board members in a timely fashion; conduct general correspondence of BSNM regarding business-related items

Membership Chair (currently Barbara Rosen) – Collect dues and distribute membership cards; collect monies for raffle tickets at general meetings; process online renewals for members and new members; maintain accuracy of Gmail and BSNM website databases of members

Membership Recruiter – Oversee and form a Welcome Committee; visit bead stores, shows, and events for the purpose of recruiting new members

Newsletter Editor (currently Jill Bartel) – Solicit, edit, and write articles for the Newsletter and Bead Blast; maintain business member ads for publication; publish newsletter via email to all members

Volunteer Coordinator (currently Fran Hahn) – Coordinate volunteer recruitment and scheduling for events where BSNM has a table/booth or where the BSNM's assistance has been requested; ensure membership applications and business cards are available for these events

Member-at-Large – Be responsible for representing the suggestions and concerns of the general membership to the Board

Webmaster (currently Teresa Kenyon) – Manage the content posted on the BSNM website; maintain the technical contracts for website, including eCommerce, webhosting, and event coordination applications

Social Media Manager (currently Pam Troutman) – Maintain the BSNM Facebook page and other social networking accounts; add BSNM events to Facebook page; monitor Facebook activity for messages, likes, and unauthorized links to commercial pages

Meeting Coordinator (currently Liz Reisinger) – Recruit volunteers to bring refreshments to the general meetings; set up and monitor the show-and-tell tables; assist with setting up and taking down tables and chairs, if necessary; make sure there are paper plates, napkins, forks, etc., for each meeting

Photographer – Take photographs at meetings and events, including all contest entries and winners; provide photos to Webmaster, Social Media Manager, and Newsletter Editor for publication

Historian (currently Sue Hostettler) – Maintain speakers' records; keep "lessons learned" documentation (record classes taught, when, and by whom)

Please decide to run for office. You will be very instrumental in continuing the growth of the BSNM and making the necessary changes to stay relevant and helping us to stay on an upward trajectory. It is an honorable thing to sacrifice some time for something you care about and believe in and that benefits others.
