

RE: Expiration of board seat

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Hi Steve and Melissa,

I have greatly enjoyed my time on the board and it's a real opportunity for any candidate to gain a broader scope of regional tourism and the good work happening in each town.

Two candidates I'd like to suggest, but they do live in different towns so would require a waiver.

1. Tree Callanan, the Dir of Visitor Services and Communications at Blithewold. She is a big picture thinker and is very involved with Discover Newport already and has assisted Jeff Hirsh with the Explore Bristol effort as well. While she works at Blithewold everyday, she does reside in Warren.

2. Brenda Turchetta, Ex. Director at Mt. Hope Farm. She resides in Tiverton, but has done a great job at the Farm with expanding programs and the reach of the Farm.

Other candidates might be the owners of Brix or Judge Roy Bean. But I do not know the town they are from. Andy Tyska of Bristol Marine might also be fantastic with the expansion of Bristol's own marina and fuel dock. I believe in resides in Bristol.

Happy to assist with other ideas, if you wish.

Thanks so much! Karen Binder, Executive Director, Blithewold

