



Board of Directors Election Slate 2011

Troy Rahmig, *Chair*



Troy Rahmig moved to the San Francisco Bay Area in 2006 when he joined the conservation planning group at ICF International (Formerly Jones & Stokes). In that role he works as an advocate for responsible environmental policy and regional conservation planning in California and throughout the west. Troy joined the SFBBO Board of Directors in 2008 after gaining an interest in bird conservation in the Bay Area while volunteering for several SFBBO monitoring projects in the terrestrial and water bird programs. Troy states, "SFBBO has built a solid reputation in the past and I have great hopes for the future. Troy has devoted a large part of his professional and personal life to understanding the conservation needs of birds and finding ways to educate the public about those needs. Troy says, "I believe that organizations like SFBBO, which is able to mix scientific research with public involvement and education, are our best opportunity to promote bird conservation."

Brian Fulfrost



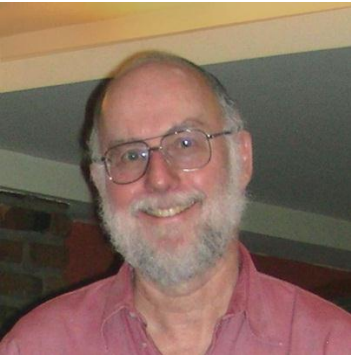
Brian moved back to the San Francisco Bay Area three years ago to start Brian Fulfrost and Associates, where he promotes the use of mapping and spatial analysis in sustainable planning and urban design, as well as natural resource management and conservation. Previously, Brian taught GIS in the Environmental Studies Dept. at UC Santa Cruz. While at UCSC, Brian and his students provided assistance with the Bird Observatory's database and GIS needs and served on our Scientific Advisory Board. He currently teaches as an adjunct lecturer at San Francisco State. Brian is a strong advocate for the use of GIS, remote sensing and related technologies to assist decision makers, land and resource managers and urban planners to make more informed decisions. As a result of this commitment, Brian has also served on a number of government and non-profit advisory committees throughout his career. His experience utilizing technology to meet conservation and sustainability goals has provided assistance in helping organizations meet their own goals. Brian brings his experience and knowledge of broad regional conservation issues and his commitment to science education to the Board of Directors.

Shannon McMahon, Secretary



Shannon is a California native who moved to the Bay Area 16 years ago. She works as a Marketing Programs Manager at NetApp, a high-tech company that creates storage systems and software designed to help customers store, manage, and protect their data. Shannon has always enjoyed the outdoors, and birds in particular, and became a Bird Observatory member in 2007. She has been volunteering at Coyote Creek Field Station and has been monitoring a waterbird colony at Shadowcliffs Park in Pleasanton since 2008. Shannon states, "I really enjoy being able to combine my love of birds and nature with the scientific research that is being done by SFBBO staff and volunteers. I am hoping that my marketing background will help us come up with activities that will generate more public interest in SFBBO." Shannon joined the Board in February, 2011 and was elected Secretary in April, 2011.

Tom Stewart



Tom is a California native originally who moved to the Bay area in 1975. Academically, he is a theoretical mathematician, professionally an engineer. He began bird watching in the 70s, and has treasured this as a "stress reducing pastime" while making a living initially as a computer programmer and later as a system engineer, developing telecommunications systems. Tom discovered SFBBO in 2002, participating in the annual California Fall Challenge Fundraiser. At this time, he also began bird banding at the Coyote Creek Field Station. "I rely on SFBBO as a component in balancing my life between the technical intricacies of my work and the reality of living in a challenged ecosystem. Through SFBBO, I got involved with field studies of bats, spending many nights mist netting Yuma bats at Coyote Creek, and have taken two trips to the Sea of Cortez studying Mexican fishing bats. I now say that my recreation consists of my five B's – books, birds, bats, bicycles and Balboa (a type of swing dance). "Tom continues to band birds at CCFS, and has monitored breeding colonies of terns and herons as part of SFBBO's Colonial Waterbird Program. "SFBBO has become a very important part of my life, and I hope that I can further support it through the Board of Directors."

Jill Bluso Demers, *Executive Director*



Jill is a wildlife ecologist with over 10 years of experience in the field. Jill has authored or co-authored 10 peer-reviewed publications and nearly 20 technical reports. Jill received a M.S. from Humboldt State University and conducted her graduate research as part of a multi-disciplinary, multi-agency team examining the bioaccumulation and ecotoxicological risk of environmental contaminants on waterbird reproduction in San Francisco Bay. After completing her graduate degree, Jill was a biologist with U.S. Geological Survey, Davis Field Station. There, she focused on spatial ecology of waterbirds in San Francisco Bay. Prior to her graduate work, Jill worked for the U.S. Geological Survey, San Francisco Bay Estuary Field Station. Jill came to the San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory (SFBBO) as the Science Programs Director in 2008 and became the Executive Director in July 2009. At SFBBO, Jill's work has broadened to include conservation and management of grassland and riparian bird species. Throughout her career, Jill's research interests centered on applied ecological studies that inform the sustainable management of birds and their habitats.