



### **Gail Douglas-Boykin - Nominated for President**

Gail serves in ministry as the Coordinator of Ministerial Services for the New York Annual Conference Board of Ordained Ministry and previously as the Church Administrator of Vanderveer Park United Methodist Church after having retired from The New York City Police Department after 20+ years of service as a Police Officer. Gail joined PAUMCS in 2012 and was certified in 2014. Gail has served PAUMCS as a member of the Communications Committee, Chair of Communications and National Secretary.

Gail has served as the Communications Coordinator for the New York Conference United Methodist Women and currently serves as a Director and Chair of Governance Committee on the United Methodist Women National Board of Directors.

Gail is a Certified Lay Servant and active in her church community. Her passion is working with the youth of her church, district and conference. Gail has served as the Youth Ambassador in Mission Coordinator for mission trips to Ecuador, Cambodia, Antigua, and Ghana. Gail has led youth mission studies in New York, West Virginia and Baltimore-Washington Conference Mission u Events, formerly known as United Methodist Women Schools of Christian Mission. In 2015, Gail facilitated workshops at the Discipleship Ministries “Youth 2015” event in Orlando, FL entitled “The Church and Its Response to Persons with Disabilities.

In her spare time Gail enjoy reading, technology, crocheting and trying new recipes. Her guilty pleasure is Pinterest. She resides in Brooklyn, NY with her husband, Princeton and their daughter, Elise.



### **Rhonda Ramsey – Nominated for Vice President**

Rhonda began her ministry as Office Administrator of The First United Methodist Church of Plainwell, Michigan on January 2, 1997. She joined the West MI PAUMCS in 2000 as the Secretary and also served as Vice President, President and Treasurer. Rhonda attended PAUMCS Certification class in 2001 and the Advanced Certification Class in 2003. She served three years on the Finance Committee, one year as Nominations Chair and on an Ad Hock Committee for the Endowment Fund, one year as Treasurer in Training and served five years as Treasurer. In January of 2017 the Executive Committee voted to appoint her as Interim Vice President and was elected to that position in April 2017.

Rhonda is also a Certified Lay Servant in the West Michigan Conference and is serving on their Lay Ministry Board. Rhonda also began and leads a faith accountability small group at her home church.

Rhonda has been married to Jeff for 41 years. They have four children and eight grandchildren. She enjoys camping, walking, reading, and quilting.



**Mary Schramm – Nominated for Secretary**

Mary has been the Administrative Assistant at Perry Hall United Methodist Church in Baltimore Maryland, since June of 2002. She has been a member of the church for 17 years and is active in the Hand bell choir, Women's Ministry, Missions, Outreach, Food Pantry and Bible Studies.

Mary has been a member of PAUMCS since 2004 and was certified in 2009. She was asked to serve on the PAUMCS Nominating committee in 2012, and became Interim Nominating chair in 2013-2014, and was elected as Nominating chair in 2014-2015, PTS Chair in 2015-2016. She was elected secretary in 2016-2017.

Mary has been married to her husband, Tony, for 36 years. They have two daughters, Danielle who is 33 and Jessica Diffenderffer who is 27. Danielle has one son, Austin, who is 12 and a daughter, Ava, who is 3 years old. With the marriage of my daughter Jessica I now have a son-in-law, Mike, and a grand dog Marley.

Some of Mary's favorite things to do are sporting events, reading, spending time outside, going to the beach, fellowship with her church family, bible studies and "spoiling" her grandchildren.



**Josie Hickom – Nominated for Treasurer**

Josie has served as the Administrative Assistant in the Rome-Carrollton District of the North Georgia Conference since December 2000. Before that she worked as Office Manager for approximately 4 years at Faith UMC located in Cartersville, GA.

She has been a national member of PAUMCS since 2002 and was certified in 2003. An active member in the Georgia Chapter since 2002, Josie currently serves as Scholarship Chair. She has also served as Treasurer for 8 years and has been on the Scholarship and the Ways and Means Committee.

Josie considers her job a ministry and enjoys offering support to pastors and churches.

When not working, you can probably find Josie having tea parties with her granddaughters or exploring the woods with her grandson most likely from the enjoyment of her camper at a state park with her husband, Doug, in tow! She loves her morning coffee and growing her own vegetables. She is a wife, mother, "Ma Jo" to three, and friend to many.



**Denise Wilson – Nominated for Membership Secretary /Committee Chair**

Denise is the Administrative Assistant in the LaGrange District Office of the North Georgia Conference – a position she has held for over 20 years.

She has been a member of the National PAUMCS and the Georgia PAUMCS since 2003 and has served her local chapter as Newsletter Editor, Vice-President, President and Site Chair for the 2015 National Conference in Atlanta.

Denise is a “preacher’s kid” and grew up in parsonages all over South Georgia. She is married to Mike and they have 2 adult sons and 1 daughter-in-law. She is an active member of LaGrange First UMC where she currently serves as chair of the Policy Committee and plays in the Handbell Choir.



**Bev Amperse - Nominated Finance Committee Chair**

Bev began working in the church in February 1994. Just after beginning by job her pastor told her about an organization for church secretaries that she could get involved with. That is where it began. She attended certification in 1995 and also was part of the Advanced Certification.

She helped organized the Desert Southwest Chapter of PAUMCS and served as Membership Secretary, Treasurer, and as a member of the Nominations Committee. She served as the registrar for the 2000 National PAUMCS Conference held in Mesa and as Site Chair at the 2013 Annual Conference in Phoenix. In 2001 she was elected to serve as the Communications Coordinator and served in the position for 3 years. Bev currently serves on the PTS Committee and will be completing 3 years on the committee this year. She currently works at Willowbrook UMC and has been there since October of 2001 as the Business Manager and Financial Secretary.

Bev’s passions in life are her family, which includes husband, Bill, daughters Kristi and Nicole, son-in-law, Jason and 4 grandchildren; Ryan (16), Kyle (12), Kendall (9) and Wyatt (7). In addition Bill and Bev love scuba diving. She completed her 100<sup>th</sup> dive on vacation in the Bahamas.



**Barbara Buck - Nominated for PTS Chair**

Barbara has served as the Mark Twain District Administrative Assistant for the last 16.5 years. She joined the local MO PAUMCS Chapter in 2002 and the National Chapter soon after. She was certified in 2011. She is currently serving as the Nomination Committee Chairperson, with previous service on the Nominations and PTS Committees. She has served as the President, Vice President, Newsletter Editor for the MO PAUMCS Chapter and currently serves as Treasurer/Membership/Communications Chair.

Barbara is married to WR “Dub” and they have 3 biological children, Dakota, Nancy and Eva. They have hosted 6 foreign exchange students that they consider “children of our hearts”; Houda from Morocco, Gabrielle from Brazil, and Salvador from Mexico, Anna Jovita “Amy” from Germany, Firuza from Tajikistan and Holly from South Korea.

Barbara’s hobbies include reading, reading and reading! She loves to read! She also enjoys baking, camping and traveling.



**Lori Sluder - Nominated for Communications Chair/Coordinator**

Lori has served in various local churches as an Administrative Assistant since 1984. She began working with Holston Conference of The United Methodist Church in 2004 and now serves as the Executive Secretary to the Bishop. Lori has been in the Episcopal Office for 5 years. Lori joined PAUMCS in 2008 and was certified in 2011. She currently serves PAUMCS on the Communication Team and serves as Webmaster.

Also, Lori has been a part of the United Methodist Women since 1990 on the local, district, and conference level. She is currently on the Holston Conference UMW team as the Social Action Coordinator and Webmaster.

She attends St. Marks United Methodist Church, Louisville, TN with her husband, the Reverend Michael Sluder, who is the Director of Connectional Ministries in Holston Conference. They have two young-adult children, Josh and Katie. Lori enjoys reading, camping, and scrapbooking.



**Landa Wallace – Chair of Nominating Committee**

Landa serves as the District Administrator in the Northern Piedmont District of the Western North Carolina Conference.

Landa began her ministry as a secretary with The United Methodist Church in 1987. During this time she has been able to help connect the laity, the clergy, the local church, the District and the Conference. She serves as Registrar for the District Committee on Ordained Ministry, one of the most rewarding parts of her ministry is helping candidates as they begin their journey in ministry.

Landa joined her local chapter of PAUMCS in 1998 and became a Certified United Methodist Church Secretary in 2003. She is actively involved in her local chapter where she has held the position of Nominating Committee Chair and she currently serves as Vice President of the WNCC PAUMCS Chapter.

She is part of a local book club that focuses on city and county development. She enjoys listening to music, reading, walking, painting, community engagement and development.

Landa has one adult daughter. She cares for her 82 year old mother. She is active in her home church where she serves on the Finance Committee, the Board of Trustees and the Staff Development Team.



**Natalie Schuette – GCFA Liaison**

Natalie Schuette is the Senior Executive Assistant to Moses Kumar, the General Secretary and Treasurer of the General Council of Finance and Administration (GCFA) since 2011. Natalie studied at Middle Tennessee State University prior to moving abroad for 8 years to study in France. She is a member of the PAUMCS certification class of 2011 and became the GCFA staff liaison to PAUMCS in January 2015. Natalie lives in Nashville, Tennessee with her 6 year old daughter Marley.