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- ecology and other science information
- historical and current events
- community news and opinions

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Applegater board thanks Jeanette LeTourneux, seeks new member

For two years the *Applegater* board enjoyed Jeanette LeTourneux's presence at our meetings, her unflinching willingness to do whatever needed to be done, her hard work for our fundraisers, and her unflagging good humor. When we needed a secretary, Jeanette stepped up. When we needed someone to write the BizBits column, Jeanette took it on. When we needed a manager for our Facebook page, Jeanette again jumped in to do what was needed.

In March Jeanette announced her resignation, needing to turn her attention to her family. With typical respect, she waited until Mike Schneider joined the board so her resignation wouldn't cause too much stress on the board. And though she has resigned, she is still the point person for our Facebook page, keeping it up-to-date, and continues to write BizBits. We are grateful to her for that and for all she has done for us in the past. We wish her well, moving forward, and would welcome her back on the board when family affairs allow it.

Jeanette was right that the board was in good shape with the addition of Mike, but with the subtraction of Jeanette, we are in need of at least one more board member.

Might that be you who are reading this? Step up to help your community! The *Applegater* board is actively seeking new members. The two-year commitment is to a monthly board meeting (we hope to be off Zoom by the summer) and to working in some capacity to keep the *Applegater* thriving: fundraising (we would love a fundraising chair!), writing, social media—if you have a talent, we could probably use it.

We have a step-by-step process for voting new members onto the board. Contact me for more information or just to jump in and say right now, "I'm interested. Let's get started."

I hope to hear from you!

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