

Washington Bridge League Board of Directors Candidates

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President: Linda Marshall

Linda Marshall has been the president of the Washington Bridge League since 2018. Linda Marshall resumed playing bridge in 2003, after learning from friends in college and then taking a long break from bridge to practice law and raise two boys.

Linda joined the WBL board in 2007. She served as secretary from 2012 through 2015, as vice president from 2015-2018, and as president beginning in 2018. Linda would like to help WBL to make bridge more enjoyable for all of its members, to get more members involved in supporting WBL activities, and to attract, retain, and support newer players. She is also heading an effort to update and improve WBL's communications with its members, and has been leading member outreach since the start of the pandemic. Linda looks forward to helping with the transition to face-to-face bridge when it is safe. Linda has been an attorney with the Internal Revenue Service for 33 years.

Vice President: Hadi Abushakra

Hadi Abushakra has been the vice president of the Washington Bridge League since May of 2018. Hadi retired in 2015. A lawyer by training, he worked for 26 years at the World Bank and held a number of leadership positions. Prior to that, he was a practicing attorney in New York City.

Hadi holds JDs in French and Lebanese Law, and an LL.M from Harvard Law School. He and his wife, Kathy Stuart, have a 27 year old daughter. He enjoys running, reading (politics and history), travel, and bridge.

Treasurer: Herb Schulken

Herb Schulken has been the treasurer of the Washington Bridge League since 2017. He began playing duplicate bridge in 2007 following his retirement. He studied to become a club director and advanced to being a tournament assistant director in 2012. He has been a member of the WBL directing team since that time.

Herb had a 30-year career as a certified public accountant with PriceWaterhouseCoopers, beginning in his native South Carolina before moving to Washington in 1993. He had assignments in Moscow, New York and London. Following his retirement from PwC, he worked with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB), the regulator of the auditing profession, for two years.

Secretary: Bob Bell

Bob Bell has been a member of the WBL since 1985 and served two terms on the Board late last century. He has also served as the WBL Recorder, the District 6 Conduct and Ethics Appeals Chair, and as a member of the District Grass Roots Committee, which organizes the Grand National Teams and North American Pairs competitions. During his federal career, he was executive secretary to a committee of a Presidentially appointed board, and he expects that secretarial duties for the WBL Board will be only marginally more taxing. He would like to contribute to keeping bridge alive and well during the pandemic and ensuring a smooth transition to post-pandemic bridge.

Member: Alex Gretsinger

Alexander Gretsinger started playing bridge in 2009, and joined the Washington Bridge League that same year. He graduated from the University of Maryland with a BS in Computer Science in 2006. One of Clyde Kruskal's former students, he joined a board gaming group with Clyde and other long-time bridge players. A few years of interesting-sounding bridge discussions at the gaming table led Alex to the ACBL's excellent online resources, with which he taught himself the game. As a result, he has the somewhat unique experience of having played dozens of hands on Bridge Base Online before ever playing in person.

Today, Alex is the WBL webmaster, and has served on the Board for three years. If re-elected, he will continue to work to expand the game's popularity with younger generations through social media and online presence. He would be honored to give the Board his unique perspective on how to grow the WBL and the game generally for years to come.

By day, Alex works as a defense contractor, specializing in data mining, software development, and database administration. He lives in Northeast D.C.

Member: Lloyd Rawley

Lloyd Rawley has been a member of the Washington Bridge League for more than 20 years and on the Board since 2014. You've probably seen him schlepping two-liter bottles of Pepsi into Ohr Kodesh on Thursday nights. Lloyd's hobbies (bridge is serious!) are long-distance running and playing Dominion with his wife and three children.

Member: Mary Tenenbaum

Mary Tenenbaum has been a member of the Washington Bridge League since 1986. Soon after joining, she served on the WBL board. She has since also served on the Round Robin/Grand National Teams committee and the Conduct and Ethics committee. Mary has recently come back to playing bridge more actively after raising a son and rejoined the WBL board in 2018.