

Press Release

Date: July 15, 2021

Subject: New WSAS Officers and Board Members Elected

The Washington State Academy of Sciences (WSAS) is pleased to announce one new Officer, one re-elected Officer, and four new Board Members who were elected by the WSAS Membership in June 2021. WSAS Members elected a President-Elect who will serve a one-year term, followed by a two-year term as the President of the Board of Directors, re-elected a Secretary who will serve a final two-year term, and elected four Directors who will serve three-year terms. The WSAS Board is responsible for the governance of the Academy in support of its mission, “science in the service of Washington State.”

The elected Officers and Board Members will begin their terms at the conclusion of the Annual Members’ Meeting on September 16, 2021.

New Officers & Board Members elected by the WSAS membership:

President-Elect – John Roll, Professor and Vice Dean of Research, Washington State University

Dr. Roll has been elected to serve his first term as President-Elect of the Board of Directors. He was elected to WSAS in 2016.

Secretary – Donald Baer, Lab Fellow Emeritus and Lead, Interfacial Sciences & Simulation, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Dr. Baer has been re-elected to serve his third and final term as Secretary of the Board of Directors. He was elected to WSAS in 2014.

Board Member – Celestina Barbosa-Leiker, Vice Chancellor for Research, Washington State University, Health Sciences Spokane

Dr. Barbosa-Leiker has been elected to her first term on the Board. She was elected to WSAS in 2019.

Board Member – Douglas Call, Regents Professor of Molecular Epidemiology and Associate Director for Research and Graduate Education, Washington State University

Dr. Call has been elected to his first term on the Board. He was elected to WSAS in 2017.

Board Member – John Stark, Director, Washington Stormwater Center, and Professor of Entomology, Washington State University

Dr. Stark has been elected to his first term on the Board. He was elected to WSAS in 2019.

Board Member – Suresh Baskaran, Director of Research Partnerships, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Dr. Baskaran has been elected to his first term on the Board. He was elected to WSAS in 2016.

WSAS Officers and Board Members whose terms will end on September 16, 2021

Ronald Thom, Past President

Donald Baer, Secretary

Michael (Mick) Smerdon, Board Member

John Roll, Board Member

Dianne Chong, Board Member