

## 2022 Willamette Writers Board Nominees



**Gail Pasternack**, a member of Willamette Writers since 2010, joined the Board of Directors in 2015. Since 2019, she has served as President of the Board. She works closely with the Executive Director and the board to run the daily business of Willamette Writers, and she serves on the Governance and

Finance Committees to build stronger support systems and ensure financial sustainability of the organization. A writer and storyteller, she has had short stories and essays published in literary magazines and in-print collections, and she performs for live audiences. Her fiction focuses on characters at crossroads in their lives.



**Jodie Fish** serves as the Treasurer of the Board. Jodie works closely with the Executive Director and the board to maintain the finances and records of Willamette Writers, including leading the Finance Committee, overseeing regular financial reporting, handling the filing of annual tax

returns, and guiding the board on various financial matters. In the coming year, Jodie will work to ensure financial sustainability and transparency for the organization. Jodie is a licensed Oregon CPA, writer, and artist.



**Kathleen Colvin**, a long-time Willamette Writers member, joined the Board of Directors in 2020 and currently serves on the Finance Committee and Development team. Kathleen started the Vancouver chapter in 2019 and served as its Chair. Kathleen brings her experience working in the private sector

areas of business and law. She has extensive experience in finance and believes in the organization's financial sustainability. She has written two books on Oregon's history and architecture, both published by an academic press. Kathleen is currently writing a mystery series involving a strong female protagonist.



**Kathy Saviers** had been a Chair for the Salem Chapter of Willamette Writers for about a decade before she joined the Board of Directors in 2019. After retiring from forensic investigations for law enforcement agencies, Kathy started writing police procedural novels with heavy emphasis on forensics. Also after retiring, she joined another non-profit where she embraced the role of maintaining their financial records. Now, she offers advice on the budget and fiscal responsibility of Willamette Writers as an active member of the Finance Committee.



**Lenni Treat** has been involved with Willamette Writers since 2010 when she worked at the conference bookstore. Later, in her position as the Community Business Development Manager for Barnes & Noble, she became an advisor to the Board of Directors of Willamette Writers. Lenni became an official board member in 2020.

She serves as Secretary of the Board, is a member of the Finance Committee, and leads the Governance Committee. As an Inside Sales & Accounts Receivable Manager for a Portland area re-distributor, she uses her experience to help Willamette Writers streamline operations to help the organization sustain and grow in the coming years.



**Jalyn Gilmore** started with Willamette Writers as an intern when she was an undergraduate. She has since served in many facets of the Willamette Writers organization, including Chair of the Portland Chapter. Jalyn has always enjoyed reaching out to other writers and helping them connect with the Willamette

Writers community. She joined the Board of Directors in 2021. Currently, she is the Assistant Secretary and serves on the Governance Committee and Outreach team. Jalyn fell in love with storytelling as a young child and never looked back. Her writing has grown and strengthened over the years, and one day, she hopes to share her stories with the world.



**Bobbie Calhoun** holds an MBA in General Management, BA in Mathematics, and is a certified Project Manager. She has over thirty years of experience as a global leader in finance and tech industries. She is a produced playwright, published poet and essayist,

and is a member of the Dramatists Guild and Authors Guild. Bobbie is currently writing a fiction novel series about war photography, propaganda, and family politics. She cares about local writers and shares the desire to connect, learn, and practice craft. Bobbie joined the Board of Directors in 2021. She is an active member of the Finance Committee, dedicated to ensuring that the organization is fiscally responsible and able to meet the changing needs of its members.



**Curtis C. Chen (陳致宇)** is the author of the KANGAROO series of funny science fiction spy thrillers, and lead writer on the forthcoming Realm original podcast show *Echo Park 2060*. His short fiction has appeared in many places, including *Playboy Magazine*. From 2017-2021,

Curtis served as Secretary of the Board for Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America (SFWA). In 2010, Curtis co-founded Puzzled Pint in Portland, Oregon, oversaw its growth into a global charity, and served as President until 2021. He joined the Board of Willamette Writers in early 2022 on the Governance Committee, and looks forward to helping guide the organization safely into a post-pandemic future.