

USGS Retirees Officers 1973 to 2018
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WRD Retirees was founded in 1973 and was renamed USGS Retirees in 2015. From 1973 through 1975, the organization was run by a Work Group. In the fall of 1975, the first election for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer was held. Terms of the elective offices are two years and the first officers assumed their positions in January 1976. It was determined by the work group that each region would have a representative and the first regional representatives also began service in 1976. The elective position of Archivist was created in 1995. The Executive Committee is composed of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer and were joined by the Archivist after the position was created. Presidents are limited to one two-year term but the other elective offices are not. For the years 1982 through 1987, another position called the Administrative Coordinator was added to the list of officers. I've been unable to determine whether the position was elective or appointive. The first newsletter editor was also the Chairman of the Work Group. The first newsletter was two pages long and was printed in the fall of 1973.

Following are the names of the work group and the persons who served or are serving as elected officers, newsletter editor, and regional representatives from founding to the present.

1973-1975 Work Group

George Ferguson, Chair; Charles Morgan, Secretary; John Adamson: Walt Durum; Art Frazier; Warren Hastings; Roy Oltman; Joe Walls
Newsletter Editor: George Ferguson

Officers and Newsletter Editors

Regional Representatives

1976-1977

President: Roy Hendricks
VP: Warren Daniels
Secretary: Ruth Malone
Treasurer: Sumner Heidel
Newsletter Editor: George Ferguson

Wyatt Gambrel NE
Frank Barrick SE
Earl Harbeck C
Arvi Waananen W

1978-1979

President: Warren Daniels
VP: Walt Durum
Secretary: Ruth Malone
Treasurer: Sumner Heidel
Newsletter: George Ferguson

Felix Panzek NE
Malcolm Hale SE
Erwin Asselstine C
Paul Benedict W

1980-1981

President: Walt Durum
VP: Milt Hackett
Secretary: Ruth Malone
Treasurer: Sumner Heidel
Newsletter: George Ferguson

Don Corbett NE
Kenneth Young SE
Irene Paulson C
Kenneth Phillips W

1982-1983

President: Milt Hackett
VP: Joe Cragwall
Secretary: Ruth Malone
Treasurer: Sumner Heidel
Newsletter Editor: George Ferguson
Administrative Coordinator: Bob Beall

Norman Beamer NE
Granville Billingsley SE
Thad McLaughlin C
Willis Burnham W

1984-1985

President: Joe Cragwall
VP: Gerald Meyer
Secretary: Ruth Malone
Treasurer: Sumner Heidel
Newsletter Editor: George Ferguson
Administrative Coordinator: Bob Beall

William Forrest NE
Clyde Conover SE
Ty Dover C
John Feth W

1986-1987

President: Gerald Meyer
VP: Bob Beall
Secretary: Ruth Malone
Treasurer: Sumner Heidel
Newsletter Editor: George Ferguson
Administrative Coordinator: Bob Beall

Joe Upton NE
Clyde Conover SE
Hugh Hudson C
Elwood Leeson W

1988-1989

President: Bob Beall
VP: Hal Langford
Secretary: Ruth Malone
Treasurer: Sumner Heidel
Newsletter Editor: Porter Ward

Dave McCartney NE
Don Jordan SE
Al Clebsch C
Loren Young W

1990-1991

President: Hal Langford
VP: Porter Ward
Secretary: Bob Beall
Treasurer: Sumner Heidel
Newsletter Editor: Porter Ward

Patrick Walker NE
Kenneth Vanlier SE
Lucille Foxhoven C
Hallard Kinnisen W

1992-1993

President: Porter Ward
VP: Francis Schaefer
Secretary: Bob Beall
Treasurer: Sumner Heidel
Newsletter Editor: Bill Schneider

Norman Beamer NE
Rex Meyer SE
Virginia Jessup C
Stan Lord W

1994-1995

President: Tom Buchanan
VP: Donald Thomas
Secretary: Bob Beall
Treasurer: Sumner Heidel
Archivist:
Newsletter Editor: Bill Schneider

Herman Feltz NE
Harold Golden SE
John Monis C
Chuck Collier W
Fritz Kilpatrick

1996-1997

President: Donald Thomas
VP: Bill Mann
Secretary: Bob Beall
Treasurer: Sumner Heidel
Archivist: Porter Ward
Newsletter Editor: Bill Schneider

Robert Schoen NE
Jim Cook SE
Theron Dosch C
Stan Kapustka W

1998-1999

President: Bill Mann
VP: Robert Schoen
Secretary: Bill Boning
Treasurer: Jack Pickering
Archivist: Porter Ward
Newsletter Editor: Bill Schneider

Andy Anderson NE
Jim Cook SE
Jim Blakey C
Garald Parker W

2000-2001

President: Robert Schoen
VP: Jack Fischer
Secretary: Bill Boning
Treasurer: Jack Pickering
Archivist: Porter Ward
Newsletter Editor: Jim Biesecker

David McCartney NE
Jim Cook SE
Vern Norman C
Garald Parker W

2002-2003

President: Tom Yorke
VP: Harvey Jobson
Secretary: Bill Boning
Treasurer: Jack Pickering
Archivist: Porter Ward
Newsletter Editor: Jim Biesecker

David McCartney NE
Don Leifeste SE
Dave Lystrom C
Stan Kapustka W

2004-2005

President: Jim Blakey
VP: Jim Biesecker
Secretary: Bill Boning
Treasurer: Jack Pickering
Archivist: Dick Engberg
Newsletter Editor: Jim Biesecker

John Ritter NE
Jeff Armbruster SE
Elaine Goekel C
David Appel W

2006-2007

President: Jim Biesecker
VP: Bill Emmett
Secretary: Bill Boning
Treasurer: Celso Puente
Archivist: Dick Engberg
Newsletter Editor: Dorothy Woods

John Ritter NE
Russ Wagner SE
Saundra Duncan C
Charles Morgan W

2008-2009

President: Dick Engberg
VP: Stan Sauer
Secretary: Bill Boning
Treasurer: Celso Puente
Archivist: Charles Netheway
Newsletter Editor: Jim Biesecker

Bill Shope NE
Lynn Barr SE
Jim Blakey C
Charles Morgan W

2010-2011

President: Herb Frieberger
VP: Mary Jo Baedecker
Secretary: Bill Boning
Treasurer: Celso Puente
Archivist: Charles Netheway
Newsletter Editor: Jim Biesecker

Marv Sherrill NE
Dan Duerr SE
Jim Blakey C
Chet Zenone W

2012-2013

President: Andy Anderson Sharon Goss NE
VP: Al Condes Dick Bloyd SE
Secretary: Bill Boning Bob Burchett C
Treasurer: Celso Puente Chet Zenone W
Archivist: Charles Netheway
Newsletter Editor: Biesecker/Netheway

2014-2015

President: Tim Smith Sharon Goss NE
VP: Al Condes Dick Bloyd SE
Secretary: Andy Anderson Bob Burchett C
Treasurer: Celso Puente Jim Crompton W
Archivist: Dick Engberg
Newsletter Editor (Layout): Merilee Bennett

2016-2017

President: Jim Kircher Jay Kiester NE
VP: Al Condes Jeff Armbruster SE
Secretary: Andy Anderson Bob Burchett C
Treasurer: Celso Puente/Cathy Hill Jim Crompton W
Archivist: Dick Engberg
Newsletter Editor: Dan Fitzpatrick

2018-Present

President: Jim Stark Jay Kiesler NE
VP: Al Condes Ed Martin SE
Secretary: Kate Flynn Ken Lindskov C
Treasurer: Cathy Hill Pete Anttila W
Archivist: Dick Engberg
Newsletter: Dan Fitzpatrick/Merilee Bennett

Interestingly, several people have served for significant periods of time as officers or as the Newsletter Editor. They are listed below:

Office	Name	Years of Service
Vice President	Al Condes	7
Secretary	Ruth Malone	10
	Bob Beall	8
	Bill Boning	16
Treasurer	Sumner Heidel	22
	Jack Pickering	8
	Celso Puente	11
Archivist	Porter Ward	8
	Dick Engberg	9
Newsletter Editor	George Ferguson	15
	Jim Biesecker	11

Of those listed above, Bob Beall, Dick Engberg, and Jim Biesecker also served two years as President. Treasurer Sumner Heidel has the record serving an amazing 22 years. Arguably, the most time-consuming officer position is Secretary. It is outstanding that Bill Boning served as Secretary for 16 years