

New Board of Directors Candidate Biography Form

Board Candidate: *Nick Legg, PG*

Affiliation: *Senior Geomorphologist, Watershed Sciences Group Director; Wolf Water Resources*

Location: *Portland, OR, USA*

Focus/Specialties: *Geomorphology and River Science, Floodplain Management and Resilience, Watershed Planning and Policy, River Restoration Project Development and Design*

Specialties: *I have training in geomorphology and economics. As a result of this mixed training, I get most excited about finding solutions to water resource challenges at the interface of natural systems and communities. I try to take a whole picture view on river restoration, recognizing that people are a critical part of every project and conversation. These views are reflected in and core to my approach in working on the specialty areas listed above.*

In addition, I bring organizational leadership skills from my current job and past volunteer positions.

Biographical Sketch: *I grew up playing in the woods and lakes of northern Minnesota. While it was not clear to me at the time, this upbringing instilled in me a wonder for the land, and all its nooks and crannies. With a deep desire to explore, I was drawn West, first spending a couple summers doing geology work in the Rocky Mountains during college, and then moving to the Pacific Northwest in 2008. Since that time, I attended graduate school for geomorphology at Oregon State, and subsequently worked at a state agency and two water resources consulting firms. I currently work at Wolf Water Resources. I also met and married to my wife, Erin, in the Pacific Northwest. We have two energetic girls named Ada (age 6) and Isla (age 2), and a dog named Chester.*

I have volunteered at multiple organizations focused on food insecurity and the environment. I have also guest taught geology classes to second graders and community college students. My most notable volunteer position was serving on the Board for the Friends of Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge, where I served as Secretary and worked with board leadership to support staff and navigate the Covid pandemic, among other activities. I also am on the organizing committee for the Bretz Club annual gathering of geomorphologist, and teach in the Portland State Restoration Certificate Program.

Statement of Interest:

I have been fortunate to grow my own community and passion for the work during my career in river restoration. RRNW has had a prominent role in helping me to foster both areas of growth, from the time I served as student volunteer, to the 10+ conferences I've attended, to my experiences speaking and coordinating sessions. Through those years and experiences, the RRNW symposium has been an annual touchpoint for me, where I've reconnected with colleagues, got excited about new issues, and had lots of fun. I am grateful for all these experiences.



Advancing the science and standards of practice of river restoration through education

My primary goal as a Board Member would be to support the same community feeling and growth for other members, both existing and new. I get excited about the idea of bringing people together around rivers, the land, and its human history and values, in this region and landscape that I love. While we face complex socio-environmental challenges as a community, I see it as a real privilege that we have this opportunity to work together to improve the health and harmony of our land, water, and communities. I believe that, if we're going to be successful in these goals, we need to bring in lots of new voices, maintain a focus on technical (scientific and socio-economic) rigor, and to continue to have fun and propel our problem-solving forward with passion for the work.

I look forward to learning more about the available roles and ways I might best support the community. I have initial interest in supporting community partnerships, organizational strategy/visioning, and program development.

Thank you for this opportunity.