

Proposed Nominees for the Sandhills Area Land Trust's Board of Directors

Larry McNeill, Southern Pines

B. A., Davidson, M.A., Ph. D., U of South Carolina, retired English Professor at Sandhills Community College; I continue to teach part-time there.

I have been General Manager of McNeill Family Farms in Hoke and Moore Counties since 1984. I have retired from the Board of Directors (Moore County) of BB&T Bank. I am an Elder at Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church; I am currently President of the Men's Bible Class. I also sing tenor in the church choir. I have a three acre vineyard and a garden as my hobbies. To stay in physical condition, I ride my bike two miles a day and walk two miles a day. I have spoken to four civic clubs about the Masters Golf Tournament; I have attended since 1962.

I am a member of the Country Club of North Carolina, the Southern Pines Elks Club and the Southern Pines Rotary Club.

Michael Paschal, Fayetteville

I am a native of Fayetteville, NC and have lived here my entire life except when attending college at ASU in the 1980's. For the past 25 years, I have worked in real estate and have owned my own business, Paschal Appraisals, Inc. since 1996. I also enjoy investing in real estate and have worked in approximately 50 counties in North and South Carolina. I am married with three children and attend Village Baptist Church in Fayetteville, NC. My father practiced dentistry in Fayetteville for over 50 years and many other family members have had careers here throughout the 20th century although our roots are in Moore County.

My interest in SALT increased substantially approximately five years ago when we began the process of preserving some of the riverfront property we own along the Deep River in Moore County. Both my father and grandfather were born on the Deep River and our family has lived in the area for over 250 years. Not unlike most owners of a Family Farm, we have always wanted the area to remain unchanged. It's unfortunate to see what is happening across our state today in the name of progress and growth. I think there are ways to implement conservation based development that can be profitable and at the same time preserve the state's natural resources. As we face the next 25 years, I feel that I can be an asset to your board and our mutual interests.

Bob Schlicht, Southern Pines

I have done many different things in that time, was an importer of gems, builder, antique repair & refinishing, bred race horses & hunters, owned a home design business, was in real estate for a while, and retired in 1983. Now I do what I want, which is fly fish Chile to Alaska and points in between, finish antiques, love to cook and eat!

I became interested in open space and land conservation in the late 90's after I bought approx 200 acres in West Granby, CT. I came to realize that my land was more than just owning something -but that it should remain the way I found it forever! I donated almost 100 acres to the Granby Land Trust and couldn't have been happier doing it. For more information research the Schlicht Preserve with Granby Land Trust.

Bette Broadwell Scott, Erwin

I am a Fayetteville native. I lived in the Atlanta, Ga. area for about 15 years. I received a BA in English from Agnes Scott College and worked in Atlanta for many years after graduation. I returned to Fayetteville in 1992 after the death of my father to be closer to my family here. Since my return home, I have been very involved with the Cape Fear Botanical Garden, the Fayetteville Dogwood Festival, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, the Cumberland County Special Olympic Equestrian Team and St. Ann Catholic School PTO. I worked for Cumberland County Dispute Resolution Center and the Cumberland Community Foundation for several years. In 1997 I was married to Larry Scott (also a Fayetteville native) and we adopted our daughter, Elizabeth, in 2000 when she was 7 months old. I now work at home for our family environmental clean up business. We live in Harnett County near the town of Linden on 18 acres and have several horses. We, as a family, enjoy trail riding in the area which includes a beautiful part of the Little River.

I am eager to learn more about the organization and to help in any way I can. I am very committed to the mission of SALT and welcome the opportunity to help spread the word about the good work the organization is doing. I hope that, because of my history in the area, I will be able to help the board and staff make new contacts with landowners and others I know who I believe would be interested in the "cause".