

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION ON NOMINEES FOR THE ANS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dr. James Burris and his wife Christine have been members of the Audubon Naturalist Society for more than 40 years. Service on the ANS Board would match well with Jim's lifelong interest in natural history and community service. Jim and Christine have enjoyed participating in ANS trips to Costa Rica and the Galapagos islands. Jim has a particular interest in Lepidoptera and pollinator habitats. He is a volunteer for the Woodend Forest Restoration Project and has been selected to serve on the ANS Development Committee. Jim is also active in Scouting, having served since 1998 as Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 1946 in Washington DC. He is certified in Wilderness First Aid. Professionally, Dr. Burris is Clinical Professor of Medicine and Pharmacology at Georgetown University School of Medicine, where he serves on the curriculum committee. He retired in 2017 after 28 years of Federal Service as a physician with the United States Public Health Service and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. He earned a Bachelor's degree in Biology from Brown University, an MD from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University, and completed residency training in internal medicine at Georgetown University Medical Center.

Abel Olivo joined Corazón Latino in 2018 as the Director of Community Outreach and Strategic Partnerships. A community activist in Prince George's County, Maryland, Olivo adds valuable insight and perspective to grassroots, grass-tops, and other community-oriented campaigns. As a former federal lobbyist and the head of government relations for a national non-profit organization, Abel has extensive experience in developing policy and effective implementation strategies, including building partnerships to maximize message, impact, and reach. Now, Abel uses his skills to promote his love of nature, bring access to our shared green spaces, and champion the importance of a clean environment to the Latino/Spanish-speaking community. Abel served as Planning Partner for ANS's 2019 Naturally Latinos Conference and on the ANS Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility Task Force. The first in his family to graduate from college, Abel earned his BA in Political Science from The Ohio State University. Go Bucks!

Diane Wood recently retired from a career in environmental education and conservation in the US and overseas. For 13 years Ms. Wood was the President and CEO of the National Environmental Education Foundation (NEEF). While at NEEF, Ms. Wood developed a passion for engaging new audiences in environmental education and especially enjoyed linking sports fans to energy conservation in partnership with the National Basketball Association. Prior to NEEF, she was the Executive Director of the Center for a New American Dream, a non-profit committed to helping Americans consume more responsibly. Ms. Wood spent 17 years working for the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) where she held various leadership positions including Vice President for Latin America and the Caribbean and Vice President for Research and Development. Ms. Wood earned an M.S. in Environmental Education and Natural Resources Conservation from Cornell University. She has traveled extensively and served for three and a half years as a Peace Corps Volunteer developing environmental education programs in Paraguay. Diane is a long-time member of the Audubon Naturalist Society and has wonderful memories of many nature walks on the grounds with her now grown daughters when they were younger. She looks forward to carrying on the tradition with her three-year-old granddaughter. Diane and her husband live in Washington DC and enjoy any opportunity to spend time in nature.