

Biographies for Ballot

GREG C.

Greg C. Is on the ballot to serve as Chair of the World Service Board.

Greg has been attending FA meetings since 2017. In 2019, he and his wife, Cindy, along with their Roswell, GA group, hosted the FA Convention “Finding Joy in Your Story” in Atlanta. In 2022, Greg and Cindy served as Chairs of the virtual FA Convention “You Are Not Alone”.

Greg joined the World Service Board in 2024 and serves as Chair of the Long Range Planning Committee and the Chair of the Intergroup Support and Development Committee. He is also a member of the Convention Liaison Committee, and the Group Outreach Committee. Greg has also presented and served as a panelist in several of the Education Committee's offerings.

Greg has been instrumental in the start-up of the FA Niche Groups.

He is currently leading the Virtual Meeting Outreach Group, whose objectives are to develop a warm connection between the WSB and Local Groups, to inform groups about the latest WSB initiatives, and provide support to any groups that may be struggling.

Greg is passionate about the life-changing impact that FA can have on the lives of family members and Greg is compelled to raise awareness of FA for those that can truly benefit.

CHRIS Y.

Chris Y. is on the ballot to renew his term as Vice Chair of the World Service Board.

Chris was elected to the FA World Service Board in 2020. He is currently serving as Chair of the Technology Committee. He is also a member of the Document Review Committee and the Literature Access Initiative. Chris is also on the editorial board for the *Serenity Messenger*, and coordinates the “*Word from the Board*” submissions. He and his wife have been members of Group #2056 (Bradenton, Florida) for 7 years. They previously attended a similar group in Morristown, NJ for 2 years as well. Originally from the UK, they moved to Canada and then later to the USA and have seen the challenges of addiction in all 3 countries.

GERI N.

Geri N. is on the ballot to serve as Treasurer of the World Service Board.

Geri and her husband have been involved with FA since 2019. They started with and are still part of the Roswell, GA group. Geri and her family have been dealing with substance abuse and mental health issues for 14 years. She has acted as a sponsor for 3 FA members, giving back to individuals and the Roswell group where she can. Geri is currently employed as a financial planner and her experience includes 18 years in the banking and investment industry.

BOB S.

Bob S (Group 2056, Bradenton Florida) is on the ballot to renew his term as Board Member-At-Large.

Bob has been a grateful member of FA for over 14 years. Since 2018, he's served on the World Service Board, acting as chair of the Serenity Messenger Newsletter committee since 2019. Bob also served on the Revenue Growth Task Force, and on the Virtual Meetings ad hoc task force to help develop meeting guidelines during the COVID crisis. Bob worked with his prior law firm to obtain U.S. trademark registrations for the marks FAMILIES ANONYMOUS and FA. Bob is also a member of the Virtual Meeting Outreach Group, helping to establish relationships between those groups and the World Service Board.

Prior to serving on the WSB, Bob was part of the Convention Planning Committee for the 2015 FA Convention held in Livingston, New Jersey.

CINDY C.

Cindy C. is on the ballot to serve as Board Member-At-Large.

Cindy joined the WSB as Treasurer in January 2020 and has been serving in that role since then. Her prior financial experience includes 18 years as a CPA (auditor) and Controller. She and her family have been dealing with substance abuse for the past 14 years. Cindy was introduced to Families Anonymous in 2017 and has consistently attended ever since.

In 2019, she and her husband, Greg, along with their Roswell, GA group, hosted the FA Convention "Finding Joy in Your Story" in Atlanta. In 2022, Cindy and Greg served as Chairs of the virtual FA Convention "You Are Not Alone".

In addition to her role as Treasurer, Cindy chairs the Budget committee and the Convention Liaison committee, and she is a member of the Long Range Planning

Committee and the World Service Office Committee. Cindy serves as co-Chair for the Public Information Committee and in that role has been instrumental in the content development for the Families Anonymous Social Media Sites (Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube).

As a member of the Literature Access Initiative, Cindy has also been responsible for the development of the FA E-Resources, transforming our printed literature into graphically attractive, interactive material which can be shared to raise awareness of FA.

CLAIRE S.

Claire S. is on the ballot to serve as Board Member-At-Large.

She has been a member of the Roswell, GA FA group for just over a year along with her husband Lawrence. She is passionate about giving back to help others on this journey. She feels that practicing the principles of FA daily and seeing the difference it makes has been invaluable. Claire looks forward to finding opportunities on the World Service board to serve the fellowship.

JEFF S.

Jeff S. Is on the ballot to serve as Board Member-At-Large.

Jeff is a native of California and an Atlanta-area resident since 1989, He is a recently retired sports journalist after 42 years with publications in Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Atlanta.

He and his wife Jeanne's life journey changed when their son, Joshua, entered treatment for substance use disorder in 2011. Jeff and Joshua authored a widely read story on the parallel roads of recovery for a parent and a child in 2015 for the Atlanta Journal-Constitution: "Personal Journey: Lost And Found." That led Jeff and Jeanne to become very public with their recovery story, doing public speaking, counseling other parents and loved ones impacted by SUD and becoming involved with Families Anonymous.

Jeff and Jeanne have been attending the FA meeting in Roswell, Ga., since 2011 and he was previously an FA board member from 2019 to 2023. He chaired the Public Information committee, was a member of the Literature Access Initiative and has raised awareness of FA through social media posts.

JUDY B.

Judy B. is on the ballot to serve as Board Member-At-Large.

Judy joined the World Service Board as a Member-At-Large in January 2025, serving on both the Education and Group Outreach Committees. Shortly after joining the WSB, she initiated one of the newest niche groups, Significant Others and Spouses #2191, the first to offer a lunchtime meeting option. She also serves as Group Secretary for this niche group.

Judy has been attending FA meetings since Fall 2020, exclusively engaging in the Parkland #1831 group. Recently, she also started attending the Parents of Adolescents and Young Adults niche group #2187, whilst supporting the group secretary as a co-facilitator.

Judy and her family have been dealing with the challenges of mental health and substance use disorder for the past 10 years, equipping her with a passion to further her education in Pastoral Care and Counseling. Judy captures every moment possible to share about the life-changing impact that FA has had on the trajectory of her life, freely sharing it with others. Judy enjoys spending time with her husband, four birthed humans, spunky Golden Retriever Lucy, playing social tennis, and volunteering at her church.

KARIN S.

Karin S. is on the ballot to serve as Board Member-At-Large.

Karin is a newer member of FA and began attending her first virtual group out of Roswell, GA in Fall 2023. Having a house full of teenagers where schedules change from day to day, and seeing and feeling the benefits of FA, Karin quickly added additional virtual groups out of McKinney, TX; Parkland, FL; and the niche group, Parents of Adolescents & Young Adults, as part of her recovery routine. She consistently attends on average 2-3 meetings per week, taking turns leading meetings and is in the process of working the 12-steps with her FA sponsor.

Karin is currently serving on the Virtual Meeting Outreach Group for the FA WSB. She has seen first-hand how practicing the 12-steps and principles of FA have made an impact in her own life, and she feels ardent to share the program with others.

MARIA S.

Maria S. (Group 2056, Bradenton, Florida) is on the ballot to serve as Board Member-At-Large.

Maria has been a grateful member of FA for over 14 years. She has served as an officer of the WSB for 10 years: 4 years as Chair, 2 years as Vice Chair, and 4 years as Recording Secretary. She has also served in the following capacities: Chair of the World Service Office Committee (9 years), Chair of the Credentials Committee (4 years),

Chair / Member of the Education Committee (4 years), and Chair of the Literature Access Initiative (3 year), Co-Chair of Literature Committee (1 year). She also chaired an ad hoc committee that provided guidance and support for Virtual Meetings. In 2015, she was co-Chair of the Convention Planning Committee for the World Service Convention held in Livingston, NJ.

PAUL W.

Paul W. is on the ballot to serve as Board Member-At-Large, representing the UK National Service Board.

Paul joined Families Anonymous in late April of 1985. Home Groups attended include Hampstead, Highgate, Gants Hill, E17 Steps and Traditions, Woodford and the UK Bereavement Group. He has served as an Intergroup office during the late 1980s and in the 1990s for the Hampstead and Highgate Groups, both of which no longer exist. He served four terms on the UK Service Board including currently. Paul co-founded the Gants Hill group which split after Covid to form the Hybrid E17 Steps and Traditions Group and founded the Woodford Group which since Covid is on-line only.

Positions held at the Group Level include Secretary, Treasurer, Literature Secretary, Tea maker, Room Arranger and manning the Telephone Helpline. Positions held at the Service Board level include Co-editor of FAN Newsletter, Telephone Helpline Organizer, COZE and World Service Liaison.

Paul is also a member of AA and has held similar group positions as above: Telephone helpline, Intergroup GSR, Secretary, Literature Secretary, and Treasurer. Paul recently founded the Ramsey Cambridgeshire Group.

At a personal level, Paul is retired from being a Catering Manager for the National Health Service in the UK. He is also a member of the Three Percenters Motorcycle Club (Clean and Sober Bike Club; threepercentersmcc.org), and he holds the position of Sobriety Celebrant .