

Name of Nominee: Jim Perez-Wood

Board Position: Vice-president

Information about the Nominee

Length of time the nominee has been a member of GCA: I've been a member since March of 2023.

Volunteer services performed with the club: Board Member, 2024-2025
I redesigned the club's visual identity including new logo, homepage, info brochure, newsletter and signage.
I've been on the kiln team for two years, as well as the Alternative Firing Team.
I maintain the sink traps during the summer.

Background or other experiences that would lend them to the role: I am serving on the current GCA Board as Member at Large, and currently preparing the 2026 annual budget.
My experience as a partner in a small business overseeing day to day operations including infrastructure and finance while managing teams prepares me to lead groups and coordinate multiple projects.

Goals for the club while on the Board: My primary goal is to support Cathy as President and the expansion teams to ensure a smooth transition from anticipated closure of the existing studio space through opening the new building.
Other goals include
monitor the club's budget so that it covers needs for future equipment purchases
ensure the club provides the resources and the supportive environment for members to pursue their passion with clay

Additional details the membership should know: The club has become my passion, along with helping fellow members grow and enjoy the creative process. I am in the studio nearly every day both for my own projects and to socialize with others. It's a pleasure to jump in and help wherever I can when something needs to be done.

Nominee's Residency at The Grand:

Reside at The Grand 90 days or more annually? Yes

Name of Nominee: Monique Greer

Board Position: Secretary

Information about the Nominee

Length of time the nominee has been a member of GCA: Monique has been a GCA member since March 2024.

Volunteer services performed with the club: In addition to monitoring, Monique accepted the position of GCA Newsletter Editor at the beginning of 2025.

Background or other experiences that would lend them to the role: During Monique's career as Vice President of Corporate Communications and Investor Relations for public companies, her responsibility was to document countless meetings with current and potential investors.

Monique also serves as a Grand Neighborhood Representative. She writes and distributes monthly updates to her neighbors.

Goals for the club while on the Board: Monique's goals include:

- * Ensure clear, consistent and timely communication with all GCA members.
- * Together with colleagues, help guide members through a potentially disruptive time during the studio expansion.
- * As we transition to the next phase of GCA, continue to enhance the membership experience by facilitating communications between members and management that will help to improve our ongoing operations.

Additional details the membership should know: Monique and her husband recently placed their home in WA on the market and are becoming residents of AZ. Their golden retrievers, Sherman and Luna, will miss the ocean in the Pacific Northwest, however, they look forward to getting more attention and treats while hanging out at the Grand softball field with their dad.

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Name of Nominee: Pat Conlen

Board Position: Secretary

Information about the Nominee

Length of time the nominee has been a member of GCA: 7 years

Volunteer services performed with the club:

Club Volunteer Activities:

Club Expansion: I work with Jim Donaldson supporting the club expansion team. Attend meetings with Clay and Glass team members to discuss options and planning for club expansion. Helped develop the Club Expansion Member Survey that was sent to club members to determine member demographics and solicit member input on wants and needs for the new club facility. Drafted some of the initial studio floorplans to explore options while considering member input and space constraints.

Membership Coordinator: Since 2019, I have been the Membership Coordinator for the club. Duties include getting new member data into the database, sending a welcome email and answering any membership related questions. I also assign and troubleshoot door codes.

I assist the IT Director with annual billings and assist IT Director as needed.

Policies and Procedures:

o For the past 5 years, I worked with the Board editing and updating GCA Policies and Procedures to make sure they align with the CAM Policies and incorporate any GCA operational changes.

o Wrote procedures for Supply Room Security, and annual Elections. The Supply Room Security procedure provides guidance on keeping our supplies secure and access limited. The Election procedure provides guidance, timelines, and steps for conducting our elections in a single document, helps the Election Committee do their job, and helps to ensure our elections are held in accordance with the CAM and GCA Policies.

o Am currently working with the Education Team to establish a Summer Basic Clay Course procedure (work in progress).

o Help the Monitoring Team revise and update the Monitoring and Orientation training documents when needed.

Budget: In 2024, I volunteered to be on a team that developed a spreadsheet for the Reserve Study that computes the amount of money the club needs to have in reserves to replace our assets. This spreadsheet is now used to help determine whether the club has sufficient funds in reserve, an important part of the budget process, and a CAM requirement.

Background or other experiences that would lend them to the role:

Education: I have a degree in accounting and am a CPA in the state of WA.

Professional: During my career, I was an auditor for 30 years. Audited defense contracts and the associated accounting records. Supervised and trained a small team of auditors. Wrote comprehensive audit reports incorporating legal and regulatory citations.

Other: I have served as Treasurer for a small HOA. Responsible for maintaining bank accounts, collecting HOA dues, reconciling bank statements, and providing accounting and other reports to the HOA board.

Goals for the club while on the Board:

As a Board member I would continue volunteering for activities where needed and to help improve club operations. I would listen to members to learn and share their ideas for club improvements.

Additional details the membership should know:

I enjoy our clay club! I love being creative and exploring new clay techniques and learning new skills. I like that our members are welcoming and helpful to each other. I believe that sharing knowledge is how we all learn.

I enjoy collaborating with others and working on teams to come up with the best solutions to any problems.

I am proficient with Word and Excel software.

Nominee's Residency at The Grand:

Reside at The Grand 90 days or more annually?

Yes

Name of Nominee: Judy Tilton

Board Position: Member-at-Large

Information about the Nominee

Length of time the nominee has been a member of GCA: almost 2 years

Volunteer services performed with the club: monitor, kiln and anything else that is asked of me

Background or other experiences that would lend them to the role: I retired from Boeing, ran a daycare and was a Board member to incorporate no smoking in my past work life. I am familiar with information technology and have a positive attitude. I am willing to jump in and try to do the best that I can

Goals for the club while on the Board: to have everything running smoothly and the membership happy they joined

Additional details the membership should know:

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Name of Nominee: Faye (Evelyn) Williams

Board Position: Member-at-Large

Information about the Nominee

Length of time the nominee has been a member of GCA: member since 2/1/22

Volunteer services performed with the club: Opener all year round
On the cleaning crew all year round

Background or other experiences that would lend them to the role: Auto Underwriter for a major insurance company: determine if insurable, reviewed motor vehicle record, determine if vehicle insurable. Run reports on household. Make sure vehicle has correct liability coverage and premium, what group they will be in and etc. Determine when to cancel policy on merits.
Auto Claim Representative: determine liability, pay claims based on merits and policy limits. Review police reports, verify same info as reported, report to underwriting if needed, take recorded statement, talk with insureds and claimants. Talk with estimators, the shop, review estimates, photos of the damages to determine the damages are in line with the facts of the loss.
Birth Doula, Independent Contractor, for an agency in my home city and for one of the major hospitals. I am an independent contractor for a agency here in Phoenix.

Goals for the club while on the Board: I would like to see the new building move forward, new equipment, more glazes, kilns. Summer classes, although most of the instructors are snow birds, here are some here that can perhaps teach an easy simple fun class.

Additional details the membership should know:

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Name of Nominee:

Sandi Schulzetenberg

Board Position:

Member-at-Large

Information about the Nominee

Length of time the nominee has been a member of GCA:

I have been a member in the GCA Club for 10 years.

Volunteer services performed with the club:

I am co-chair of the Orientation and Monitor training for new members. I'm a "Buddy" for new members when they are monitoring for the first time.
I represent the GCA Club at the Grand Open House Booth every year, providing information and answering questions for prospective new members.
I represent the GCA Club at the Make and Take Program, promoting the club by creating small clay projects for prospective new members to try.
I coordinate/work with the Fall/Winter Cleaning crew to clean the studio every month.

Background or other experiences that would lend them to the role:

My career was in Cosmetology, I owned and operated a salon for many years. My background in hair and skin care led me to developing the Enhancement Program for Cancer Patients. This program provided new wigs to any female that was diagnosed with cancer. The wig was cut and styled to fit the patients needs, they were taught the maintenance and care of their wig. The patient was also given a variety of hats, turbans, and optional head ware. I also taught a skincare class, patients learned how to deal with the changes chemo and radiation could cause to their skin. These programs were funded by the CentraCare Health System Foundation, with all services being provided completely free of charge to the patients. I coordinated and volunteered for this program for 29 years.

Goals for the club while on the Board:

I am very proud of our club, what we offer, and how we offer it. I love to see a new member approach a seasoned member asking a question, or seeking guidance, and how that seasoned member responds so positively. This commitment is what helps us maintain our viability as a club.
I would like to see a program developed, for those who have finished Basic Clay Class, at no cost, that would offer a specific session where NEW members could come, work on their projects and have a seasoned member there to answer questions and provide guidance. Hopefully this could provide a sense of continued comfort and camaraderie throughout the club. It would also provide an opportunity for members to earn volunteer hours.
I would like to see a list of available volunteer positions with contact information created for our members. I've heard people express concerns about not being able to get their volunteer hours done because they don't know what volunteer positions are available.

Additional details the membership should know:

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Yes

Name of Nominee: Cyndi Swintek

Board Position: Member-at-Large

Information about the Nominee

Length of time the nominee has been a member of GCA: 10 years

Volunteer services performed with the club: Member of the Glaze team for 7 years
Mold making and repair
Shelf monitor
Beginning clay instructor
Volunteer for meet and greet and open house for new owners
Volunteer for the Fall Fest Make and Take experience

Background or other experiences that would lend them to the role: Manager of kids, hockey teams
Started a new program at school called Market Day
Started my own cleaning business

Goals for the club while on the Board: Get more volunteers on board with committees
Keep the enthusiasm going in our club with positive energy

Additional details the membership should know: I am a hard worker
I Really like the people in our club

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Name of Nominee: Beckie Alexander

Board Position: Member-at-Large

Information about the Nominee

Length of time the nominee has been a member of GCA: 5

Volunteer services performed with the club: Cleaning Committee
Purchasing
Name Badge Ordering

Background or other experiences that would lend them to the role: Most of my working career was in various clerical capacities in the medical field including medical billing, transcription, and accounts receivable.

Goals for the club while on the Board: To continue to promote a fun working and creating experience for all members. To help when needed and suggest new ideas as they arise.

Additional details the membership should know: My roots are in Colorado, born and raised in Boulder. Met my husband while he was attending CU at a restaurant we both worked at. Moved to the Denver area after marrying in 1973. We have 2 boys and 4 grandchildren. Moved to AZ in 2019. In addition to being a GCA member I'm also a member of the Table Tennis Club and Tech Club. Former member of the Pickleball Club until I blew my knees out.

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