



# Hudson River Sloop Clearwater Annual Membership Meeting 2018



## A Note from the Executive Director

I am excited to have the opportunity to win your trust as Clearwater's Executive Director, and continue the work started by Pete and Toshi Seeger. As we plan the celebration of our 50th anniversary, and the 100th anniversary of Pete's birth, I will be seeking your input at Sloop Club meetings, our annual meeting and as many small venue musical performances as possible. I hope to meet you soon!

Greg Williams, Executive Director

**Annual Meeting**  
Saturday, September 29, 2018  
9:30 am – 1:00 pm  
**Scenic Hudson's River Center**  
8 Long Dock Road, Beacon, NY  
**Sloop Club Congress**  
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM  
Beacon Sloop Club

## Election 2018: Your Vote Is Important!

Clearwater members near and far vote to elect Board candidates into office every year – and it's that time again. Board members serve 3-year terms, and may serve three consecutive terms before they must rotate off for at least one year. Here's how the process works:

1. A nominating committee, comprised of Board members and non-Board members, identifies and recruits a slate of candidates.
2. The full Board of Directors accepts or amends the slate.
3. Additional candidates are added by petition with five Board members' or 30 Clearwater members' signatures, up to ten weeks prior to the Election.
4. A ballot is mailed to the membership 4 weeks before the Annual Meeting on September 29.
5. All current members are **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** to vote.
6. Votes are counted and new Board members announced.
7. The new Board convenes, electing its officers and Executive Committee, and reconstituting its committees.

Clearwater's bylaws provide that the Board of Directors shall consist of up to 25 elected members. There are slots for up to eight (8) new members on this ballot. Each candidate needs a plurality of votes to be elected. Ballots will be tallied and results announced at the Annual Meeting.

### Please vote for up to eight (8) candidates.

Individual memberships (MI) entitle members to one (1) vote in this election. Family memberships (MF) entitle members to two (2) votes. A letter code (MI or MF) appears in the top middle of your ballot to indicate your type of membership. Handwritten or photocopied ballots will not be accepted. Write-in candidates must meet the same plurality requirement as the nominated candidates to be elected.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS  
(VOTE FOR UP TO 8)

ADDITIONAL VOTE FOR FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS  
(VOTE FOR UP TO 8)

VOID - Not a valid ballot

	Seth A. Davis	
	Mitzi Elkes	
	Bruce Ginsberg	
	Allen Gutkin	
	Arthur Jones	
	Craig Page	
	Jason Samel	
	Donna Stein	

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Write-in Candidates

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Mail this ballot to: Board of Elections, Clearwater, 724 Wolcott Avenue, Beacon, NY 12508, to arrive no later than September 28, 2018. Or you may vote in person at the Annual Meeting, but you must use this ballot. Additional ballots will not be available.



# The Candidates

## Board Members Up for Re-election

### Seth A. Davis



Seth Davis is a native of Croton-on-Hudson and a Hudson Valley resident for more than 60 years. Seth is an internationally recognized environmental lawyer and past Chair of the American Bar Association Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources Law. Seth is an Adjunct Professor at Pace Law School and past chair of the Planning and Zoning Boards in Croton-on-Hudson, as well as past officer and board member of several performing arts, educational, and other not-for-profit organizations, including Teatro Nuovo, Musica Sacra of New York, Destination Imagination, Bennett Conservatory of Music and the Croton Shakespeare Festival.

### Mitzi Elkes



Mitzi has been on the Clearwater board since September, 2015, and a member of the Finance and Chefs for Clearwater Committees. She is on the Duke University Nicholas School of the Environment Board of Visitors. For over twenty years, Mitzi has been Chairperson of the Town of Ossining Environmental Advisory Committee, and President of JEMS International, a global food regulations consulting firm. Mitzi has a Chemistry Degree from SUNY Purchase College, and a Masters in International Business from CUNY Baruch College. She, her husband and three children live in Briarcliff Manor, New York.

### Allen Gutkin



Allen Gutkin was born and raised in Brooklyn and married into an activist family at 21 and began to spend his summers in a colony at which Pete and other McCarthy victims performed. After Allen's wife passed away, he bought a condo in the Berkshires for the cultural scene. Allen has been a member of Walkabout for about fifteen years and was asked to be the liaison to Clearwater. This will be Allen's second term serving on the board.

### Donna Stein



Donna Stein is seeking a second term on the Clearwater board. Donna is a board member, event producer and past President of NYC Friends of Clearwater. Currently she is a co-host on WBAI radio's environmental program Eco-Logic. "I'm a long time environmental & social activist. My vision is to realize a safer, fairer and sustainable world."

## New Candidates

### Bruce Ginsberg



Bruce Ginsberg is a longtime Westchester resident who has attended the Revival for the past 30+ years. His professional background is in Marketing, PR & Business Development, working with some of the world's biggest brands. He is a huge fan of the environmental, educational and musical aspects of Clearwater and looks forward to bringing his passion, creativity and innovation to the organization.

### Arthur Jones



A lifelong resident of the Hudson Valley, Arthur Jones has been a Clearwater member and perennial sloop volunteer for 22 years. Arthur is a dedicated environmentalist, an avid sailor and an award-winning filmmaker who has made several short films in support of Clearwater, The NY Democracy Project and other local non-profits. He is currently employed at Viacom as the Manager of Media Operations, working primarily at BET and Comedy Central. As a board candidate Arthur offers a unique blend of digital media expertise, love of the Hudson River and a passionate commitment to Social and Environmental Justice.

### Craig Page



Craig Page is a lifelong New Yorker. He is CEO of Salt & Sea Partners, a modern sustainable seafood company. Craig previously co-founded a high-performance sailing executive team building company in lower Manhattan. He began his career in municipal finance, advising large public infrastructure projects – including solar development. Craig has a BA in Science, Technology, and Society from Stanford University, where he was on the Varsity Sailing Team; and recently completed his MBA at Columbia University. He is a former Board Member of The Waterfront Center (Oyster Bay, NY) and stands on the Board of Morgan Memorial Park (Glen Cove, NY).

### Jason Samel



Jason Samel, a social entrepreneur, record and concert producer, lives to put environmental and socially responsible initiatives in all he does. Jason first met Pete Seeger at age 10, and since then Pete's influence traveled with him throughout life. Jason developed Movement Music Records to produce albums and concerts to raise awareness for social and environmental issues. He produced Occupy This Album, and later Buy This Fracking Album to raise awareness about Fracking, both including Pete's music. Jason's co-produced Seeger Fest honoring Pete and Toshi's legacy. Jason lives on Long Island where he manages his insurance agency and veterinary hospital.

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