



BALLOT #1 FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS International Lilac Society 2021

Ballots must be received by April 30, 2022
Send to the Elections Chairman:

Bradley Bittorf
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Please vote for no more than 4 candidates:

Dr Mark L. DeBard

Mark has been an active ILS Board member for the past 3 years. He has participated in numerous lilac meetings. He is the Registrar for the Genus Syringa and is the editor of the book of the Register. He developed the color database of over 1400 cultivars. He is the Editor of the ILS 2020 Lilac Photo & Color database. He spearheaded the development of the new ILS website, and successfully implemented the first ILS online lilac auction. Mark is a reviewer for and contributor to the ILS journal, LILACS. He frequently translates foreign language articles for the journal. Mark lives in Columbus, Ohio and has a major lilac collection of 150 different lilacs, and about 40 unique potted cultivars, and regularly propagates them, which he gives away or donates to the ILS auction. He became a Master Gardener Volunteer in 2020.

Eugen Rack

Since school, he was interested in gardening. Gardening is a way of life for him. He studied biology for 5 years in Russia, then moved to Germany where he studied biotechnology. During his second year of his studies he met Elke Haase, Piccoplant CEO who develops lilacs. He began to work for her in 2008 and he continues to expand his knowledge of lilacs. For him, the most interesting part is to participate in the selection of new lilacs.

J. Giles Waines

J. Giles Waines received his BS in botany & horticulture from Reading University in the UK. He studied begonia genetics in The Netherlands, and completed his doctorate in wheat genetics at University of California, Riverside. After studies in Missouri, Oxford and Virginia Tech, he returned to UC Riverside in 1974 to work on protein genetics in wheat and legumes. Later as director of the UCR Botanic Gardens he took over the lilac breeding program of Louis Erickson. One semi-dwarf cultivar from Erickson's program 'Ramona' has been released. Giles has selected semi-dwarf lilacs out of open pollinated 'Pocahontas' seeds, some of which were susceptible to *Xylella* bacterium, which attacks several members of the olive family. He serves as chair of the Research and education committee of ILS and is local organizer of the 2018 ILS convention in Riverside and Idyllwild.

John H. Alexander III

Jack Alexander is retired from his position as the Plant Propagator of the Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University, a position he held for 40 years. He is a third-generation nurseryman. Jack is ILS New England Region Vice President, has received several awards from ILS and has served numerous terms on the Board of Directors. He is also the principal author of the booklet *Lilacs Plants of History – Plants for Tomorrow*. In 1995, he was named a Fellow of the Eastern Region of the International Plant Propagator's Society and in 2004 he was awarded their prestigious Award of Merit and he was twice the recipient of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society's Jackson Dawson Medal. *Syringa × chinensis* 'Lilac Sunday', *Syringa* 'Purple Haze' and *Syringa* 'Foxy Lady' are cultivars that he introduced. See also an article about Jack at: http://www.arboretum.harvard.edu/wp-content/uploads/Spring-2016-Silva_Gift-for-Growing.pdf

Write in Candidate _____

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Newly elected Board members for 2021 will be announced at the annual meeting in Rochester, NY, USA in May 2022.