

I was first elected to the ALDHA board in 2011, and would love to continue my service to our organization. I have served as either facilities coordinator or program coordinator for six of the last nine Gatherings, and I initiated and planned efforts to bring the Gathering to a new Northern location, first at Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts in North Adams, Mass, in 2011, and then at Williams College in Williamstown, Mass., in 2014, followed by Williamstown Gatherings in 2016 and 2019. I look forward to planning the next Northern Gathering.

I completed, in concert with former coordinator Ron Burger, an extensive bylaws review, the changes for which were passed at the Gathering in 2019. I am also a life member since 2008.

Yet, what I enjoy the most about ALDHA is the camaraderie we have among our members, whether it's at a Gathering event, trail work trip, or Trail event. All of us share our common love for long-distance hiking, and I'm sure we all take great comfort in our experiences and the many lifelong friendships we've made on the trail.

I attended my first Gathering in 1984, as a new, young long-distance hiker, and I knew I was in the right place. From those humble beginnings in the early 1980s, ALDHA has grown, matured and evolved into a great organization with a unique mission – to promote and preserve the long-distance hiking experience, and to provide service to the Trails that allow us to pursue our freedom of simply putting one foot in front of the other on a path to pure pleasure.

As ALDHA grows and adapts going forward, I'd like to continue my service on the board. Thank you for your consideration.