

Vera Hurst was elected to an At-Large board position in the fall of 2018. She is a current member of the Communication committee and the ALDHA Blaze editor. The ALDHA Blaze, is our monthly, email news blast which provides members with information about current activities and events that are occurring within the hiking community. This was a new way of communication which the board approved in the fall of 2018 to expressly address ALDHA members' need for timely information about work crews and events.

Vera started her career as an outdoor enthusiast early. Her parents couldn't keep her inside during the summer and found themselves wishing they had bought stock in Band-aid and poison ivy medication companies. She joined a Girl Scout troop as a child and later worked for GSUSA as both an adult volunteer and paid staff member. When her children were old enough to do without her, she started hiking and backpacking again and joined ALDHA in 1998. The Gathering at Concord University in 1998 introduced her to a bunch of wonderful, crazy hiking people. Many are still friends to this day.

Her career in outdoor gear sales, non-profit management, outdoor and environmental education and training provides her with the appropriate knowledge to be a contributing member of the ALDHA board. For the last several years, she has provided help to various AT hostels and thru hikers along the trail becoming a point of reference for the ALDHA board during the AT hiking season.

Her love of the outdoors and hiking cause her to wish that her knees and work life had allowed for more long-distance backpacking. Now retired, you just might find her on the AT again, enjoying life.