
CANDIDATE PROFILES

Board of Directors - 2026 Election



Peggy Ament has served on the New Berlin Historical Society's Board of Directors since 2009 and has been Vice President since 2014. A lifetime member of the Society and longtime volunteer, Peggy has consistently contributed her time and talents to many aspects of the organization.

Peggy is a regular member of the Tuesday and Thursday work crew and also serves as a docent, helping visitors connect with and appreciate New Berlin's history. She was a member of the planning committee for the museum addition, contributing to the project that expanded the Society's ability to preserve and share local history.

Peggy also helps maintain the gardens throughout the Historic Park, adding to the beauty and welcoming atmosphere of the Society's grounds. Her years of service, broad involvement, and dedication make her a valued leader and an important part of the New Berlin Historical Society.



Rip Edmundson has been a member of the New Berlin Historical Society since 2015, when he began volunteering, and has served on the Board of Directors since 2018. He is a regular presence at the museum's Tuesday and Thursday work sessions and is always willing to lend a hand wherever needed.

Rip has been instrumental in establishing the museum's monthly Second Sunday openings, helping provide the community with additional opportunities to visit and learn about local history. He also serves as caretaker of the Society's Band Organ and is actively involved in every Open House.

Rip is often among the first to arrive at events, helping with setup, and one of the last to leave, making sure everything is cleaned up and put away. His dependability, hands-on involvement, and willingness to do whatever is needed make Rip a valued member of the Board and an important asset to the New Berlin Historical Society.



Sue Hemmen currently serves as the New Berlin Historical Society's Recording Secretary. She has been a member of the Society since 2002 and was elected to the Board of Directors in 2003. Sue trained as a docent and regularly volunteers at events held in the Winton-Sprengel House.

Sue was elected Secretary in 2013 and has faithfully served in that role ever since. Her responsibilities extend well beyond recording the Society's activities. She maintains membership records, produces four newsletters each year, and prepares the Society's annual Almanack. Sue also handles publicity for Society events and helps maintain the gardens at the Historic Park.

Sue's many years of dedicated service, attention to detail, and willingness to take on a wide range of responsibilities have made her an important part of the New Berlin Historical Society.



Longtime volunteer Jim Liska was elected to the Historical Society's Board of Directors in 2023 and is completing his first term. Jim is a dedicated volunteer who faithfully participates in the Society's weekly work sessions.

Following the museum's expansion, Jim oversaw the development of the military room, helping create a space that honors and preserves the community's military history. He also serves as curator of the New Berlin Volunteer Fire Department museum display area.

Jim takes great pride in maintaining the Historical Society's fire engine, keeping it "parade ready" and in top condition. He is passionate about preserving and sharing the history of the New Berlin Volunteer Fire Department and spends countless hours researching, organizing, and documenting information for future generations.

Jim's commitment, hands-on involvement, and passion for local history make him a valued member of the Historical Society and its Board of Directors.
