



2026 Individual Proxy Form: Trustee Elections and Re-Elections

Notice is hereby given to the members of Trout Unlimited, a Michigan not-for-profit corporation, that at the 2026 Annual Meeting of the Members to be held in St. Paul, MN on September 26, 2026, the following business items will be addressed that require a vote of the membership.

Election of new trustees and re-election of trustees for two-year terms, beginning September 2026 and ending September 2028.

- ☐ I hereby appoint president and CEO Chris Wood to serve as my lawful proxy for the sole purpose of voting on the matters set forth in this Notice of the Annual Meeting, pertaining to trustee elections and re-elections.

To vote on above items individually, please complete the Individual Proxy Form pertaining to trustee elections and re-elections below and fax to president and CEO Chris Wood.

Member Information

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Email: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Fax completed form to: Chris Wood, President & CEO | Fax: (703) 284-9400

Biographies

Trustee Candidates for Election

Greg Hardy, Silverthorne, CO. Greg is a veteran of the oil industry. From 1980 to 2013, he was employed by Shell Oil. His responsibilities included risk management and environmental engineering. He was the Environmental Team leader for Shell's Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill Strike Team and received a US Patent for his novel oil sheen fingerprinting device. Greg was a member of several API Environmental sub-committees. His role at Shell also included 5 years of Safety Management System auditing throughout North America. He retired from Shell as a member of Shell's Senior Leadership Team for US Producing Operations. As a TU volunteer, he has held multiple council positions, including Colorado Council Chair and NLC representative. Greg holds an MS degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Science from the University of Tennessee. He has worked for the US Forest Service in Timber management and Wildland Fire Fighting and the US Fish and Wildlife Service as a Technical Writer. Greg is also a Fly Fishers International Certified Casting Instructor and enjoys teaching fly casting.

Braden Hopkins, Lander, WY. Career commodity trader, passionate fly angler, bird hunter, public-lands lover, and conservation advocate. Largely self-taught as a public-lands hunter and angler in his youth, he credits the resilience, problem-solving, and adaptability he learned afield for powering a lengthy and successful career in the energy markets.

A decade ago, a life-changing encounter with a wild steelhead on Washington's Olympic Peninsula began to shape Braden's post-career priorities. Following a review of conservation needs and opportunities with Chris Wood, he became a major donor to Trout Unlimited and an early supporter of Wild Steelheaders United. He is a current WY Cutthroat Club member, a former board member of TU's Coldwater Conservation Fund, and participated in and co-financed TU's Tongass steelhead Anadromous Waters Catalog project, highlighted in Josh Duplechian's film "Anadromous Waters" (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=flauSqCqUkM>).

In the field, Braden (alongside his son, Tripp) has completed multiple cutthroat slams and, since the empty-nest days began, spends winters in the Bahamas chasing the big three on the flats. He has fly-fished all over the world, but his favorite days are simple: walk-and-wade fishing with his fox red Lab, Phoebe, or bird hunting with his yellow Lab, Matti.

Braden is retired from a long tenure as a gasoline trader and currently serves as Managing Director of Mountain Bluebird Capital Management, LLC, a private family office, and Rain Shadow Ranching, LLC, a livestock and hay operation in Fremont County, Wyoming. He serves on the Chancellor's Advisory Committee for Athletics at the University of Kansas, on the Board of Directors of Seven Mile River Ranch in Daniel, Wyoming, and as an advisor to Front Porch Capital Residential Fund I. He earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Kansas and an MBA from Pepperdine University. Braden is married to his college sweetheart, Ashley, and is the father of three: Clara, Keller, and Tripp.

Claire Landis, Lancaster, PA. Claire has served as president of the Donegal Chapter since 2022. Before becoming president, she served as the chapter's newsletter editor, communications director, and secretary. She currently serves as South-Central Vice President of the Pennsylvania Council. She is also a member of the Pennsylvania Master Naturalist program and served on its board for eight years. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering and worked in industry for 13 years. She and her husband later owned and operated a small business for 22 years before retiring in 2019.

Robert Nutting, Wheeling, WV. Robert (Bob) Nutting currently serves as President and CEO of The Ogden Company and The Ogden Newspapers. Founded by his great grandfather in 1890, Nutting has led the company's growth to create a diversified portfolio of companies and investments. He serves as a Chairman of the Board and CEO of the Pittsburgh Pirates and Pirates Charities. Nutting has held several leadership positions within Major League Baseball. He is currently a member of the Finance Committee, the Business Board, and the Social Responsibility Committee, and has previously served on the Executive Council and chaired the Ownership Committee. He has been a leader in newspaper industry organizations and has served as Chairman of the Newspaper Association of America, board member of American Press Institute, and as President of the West Virginia Press Association.

Nutting is deeply committed to community service in all aspects of his life. Nutting has served on numerous boards that support conservation, education, and healthcare. He is a past president of the Upper Ohio Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited and has served on the Board of The Nature Conservancy of West Virginia for more than 20 years, recently completing a five-year tenure as Chairman. Nutting is a recognized leader in advancing environmental sustainability in professional sports. Under his direction, the Pirates launched the Let's Go Bucs. Let's Go Green. initiative, which has made PNC Park one of Major League Baseball's most sustainable venues. The Natural Resources Defense Council recognized his contributions with the Game Changer Award for sustainable practices in sports, and he has received MLB's Green Glove Award multiple times. He is an enthusiastic fly fisherman, skier, licensed pilot, and conservation advocate.

Jeff Welles, Big Sky, MT. Jeff is the President of North Channel LLC, a New York based private investment partnership, and Stobie Creek Investments, which manages a portfolio of public and private investments. Prior to founding North Channel, Jeff worked in equity sales and portfolio management at Goldman Sachs and Lazard Freres. Jeff has served as a Director of private companies and non-profit Boards, is the former President of the Cricket Island Foundation, which supports youth-led social change, an Honorary Trustee and former President of The Buckley School, a former President of The Creek, Inc., a Vice-Chair of The Nature Conservancy Montana, a Director of Therma-Tru Corporation, and a Manager of the Racquet and Tennis Club. He recently joined the Board of The Nature Conservancy in Argentina and is a Board Member or advisor to Stobie Creek portfolio companies in financial technology, real estate, consumer products, and drug development. Jeff is a graduate of Dartmouth College and received his MBA from Columbia University.

Trustee Candidates for Re-Election

John Burns, Needham, MA. John is an accomplished values driven leader and investor with a deep expertise in building and scaling consumer brands. He is the Founder and CEO of Relentless Consumer Partners, an investment company focused on high potential emerging consumer brands that help people live better lives. Prior to Relentless he served as CEO and Board member of TB12, Tom Brady's health and wellness brand. His experience spans 25+ years, the majority of which has been in the consumer sector. With a strong passion for entrepreneurship, John has served as CEO or co-founder of numerous businesses. John has a particular interest in consumer healthcare, digital health, fitness & wellness, sports and outdoor/active lifestyle. A sample of his brand experience includes TB12, Spartan Race, Yasso Frozen Greek Yogurt, Nic + Zoe, Grillo's Pickles, Bowers & Wilkins, and EverybodyFights. John received his undergraduate degree from Boston College and his M.B.A. from Babson College.

Josh Crumpton, Wimberley, TX. Josh is a 7th generation Texan who was raised spending equal time in Telluride, CO, and the Texas Hill Country. He is the owner and operator of Spoke Hollow Outfitters, and the primary steward of Spoke Hollow Ranch. Josh is a skier, angler and huntsman, with a passion for being in the outdoors and he has a calling to share his knowledge and joy with others. He is the product of a skipped generation when it comes to the outdoor sportsman life.

His grandfather, James A. Joy "The Judge", was an avid outdoorsman and spent most of his life planning for his next hunting and fishing adventure. Josh fondly remembers holidays at The Judge's house, which were filled with wild game and line caught fish. Josh's grandfather passed before the tradition could be handed down and his own father was not interested in sporting pursuits. But that did not stop Josh from pursuing his sportsman life. At the age of 12, Josh picked up a fly rod and taught himself to fish on the San Miguel River in Telluride. Since then, Josh has enjoyed fly fishing every chance he can get, from rivers in Northern Idaho to the Texas coast. In his 30s Josh began to pursue shooting and hunting sports. When he married Jeanie, they started spending time at Spoke Hollow Ranch and exploring sustainable farming practices. This journey to acquire knowledge of self-sufficient life practices ignited a fire for Josh to harvest his own wild game. Once that journey began, his pursuit for knowledge and practical application of hunting and conservation was all encompassing.

Josh spent part of his life in the culinary world through restaurant ownership and this background set the stage for a major "light bulb" moment when he harvested his first large game. A sense of satisfaction enveloped his life when he was able to bring his harvest to the dinner table. He was flooded with memories of his youth and his grandfather, and a sense of honor and satisfaction knowing that a tradition was being carried on. He feels there is a true connection to the natural cycle that comes from bringing your own protein to the table and helping build a sustainable environment for that activity. His mission is to share that feeling and knowledge with others. Josh is teaching his own children how to hunt and fish so another generation is not skipped. He believes that through these modalities we can all gain an appreciation of the natural world that will lead to us being the best stewards possible. It is this core belief that drives him to assist others along their outdoor path, whether you are a skilled hunter/angler, the product of a skipped generation, or outdoor sporting is not in your family history at all, Josh is excited to help others build an outdoor legacy.

R. Joseph De Briyn, Los Angeles, CA. Since 1985, Joe has been the Managing Partner of Musick, Peeler & Garrett LLP, a California law firm. He began his legal practice in 1973 in San Francisco and joined Musick, Peeler in Los Angeles in 1979. He became a partner in 1981 and was elected managing partner in 1985. Under Joe's leadership Musick, Peeler & Garrett LLP significantly expanded, opening offices in San Francisco, San Diego, Ventura County, Santa Barbara, and Costa Mesa. The firm is a traditional, general practice partnership representing a large and diverse clientele. Joe matriculated in 1970 from Santa Clara University with a B.S. degree in Economics with honors and in 1973 with a J.D. degree from its law school. His experience includes working as corporate outside general counsel for many successful enterprises: Alliant Insurance Services, Inc., AmWins, The Sullivan Companies, Royal Insurance Co., Cooperative of American Physicians, Inc., Mutual Protection Trust, Southwest Water Company (formerly a NASDAQ company), The John Wayne Cancer Institute, Woodbury University, J. G. Boswell Company and Worldwide Facilities, Inc. Joe is a member of the California Bar, L.A. County Bar Association, LA Chancery Club, and a fellow of the American Bar Association. He is admitted to practice law in California, in addition to several Federal District Courts and Circuit Courts of Appeal throughout the country.

From 2010 to 2019, Joe was Chairman of The Jackson Hole One-Fly and has served on many other boards, in both the for-profit, and the nonprofit sectors. Joe has been a trustee of Woodbury University, and L.A.'s Catholic Education Foundation. He was formerly a member of Santa Clara Law School's advisory board and served three years on the Civil Justice Association of California board. He also served on the Team USA Fly Fishing Board. Joe is a member of the California Club, where he was President in 2009 and 2010. An avid golfer and fly fisherman, Joe has competed in, and won many amateur golf competitions, competed for Team USA in the World Fly Fishing Championships in 1996, 2000 and 2002, and has won team and individual honors in the One Fly contest several times.

Peter Grua, Boston, MA. Peter Grua is a managing partner at HLM Venture Partners ("HLM"), a Boston-based, venture capital investment firm focused on the healthcare industry. Peter is passionate about investing with entrepreneurs eager to transform healthcare by improving the consumer and caregiver experience while increasing quality and reducing costs. His investment activities center on technology-enabled health services and digital health businesses. Currently, Peter is on the board of directors of several HLM Venture Partners portfolio companies including: CityLife Health, Linkwell Health, MeQuilibrium, and Oceans Healthcare. Prior to joining HLM in 1992, Peter was a managing director at Alex Brown & Sons, an investment banking firm, where he directed equity research on health care services and managed care companies. During his career, he has also served on five public companies boards including: Atria Communities, The Advisory Board, Evolent Health, Health Care REIT (now called Welltower), and Renal Care Group. Peter is a graduate of Bowdoin College and holds a MBA from Columbia University. Peter lives in Boston and is an avid fly fisherman. He has traveled extensively in the pursuit of trout of all kinds.

Joseph Swedish, Silverthorne, CO. Joseph Swedish is a co-founder and Partner at Concord Health Partners, a healthcare focused investment firm with a strategic model that optimizes the alignment of interests between investors and portfolio companies. Concord is primarily focused on investing in healthcare companies that have the potential to enhance the value of care through products, services, technologies and solutions that lower costs, improve quality and / or expand access to care. Mr. Swedish was Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Anthem, Inc., (2013-2018) and subsequently he served as a Strategic Advisor (2018-2020). Anthem is a Fortune 29 company and the nation's leading health benefits provider.

Anthem serves 42 million members – or one in eight Americans – through its affiliated health plans, and over 73 million individuals across 27 states through other services such as Medicare and Medicaid. Mr. Swedish has over four decades of healthcare leadership experience, including over 25 years as CEO for several major health systems, most recently Trinity Health, an 18-state integrated health care delivery system. He was also President and CEO of Centura Health; Division President for Hospital Corporation of America for Central and East Florida; and CEO of various other integrated health systems in Florida, Virginia, and North Carolina. For twelve years in a row, Modern Healthcare named him one of the 100 Most Influential People in Healthcare, and he was selected by Crain Communications as one of five health care leaders on the list of Top 100 Innovators. As a business executive, conservationist, and philanthropist Mr. Swedish serves on the board of directors for IBM, CDW, Mesoblast (Chairman of the board), Centrexion Therapeutics, and Trout Unlimited. He is also a member and past chairman of Duke University's Fuqua School of Business Board of Visitors. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and his master's degree in health administration from Duke University.

Geof Wyatt, Santa Barbara, CA. Geof spent his formative years in Santa Barbara, CA ("Trout Capital of the West"—Not!), where his father showed him the basics of fly-casting (but not fish-catching) on their lawn. Geof graduated from Yale University with a BA in English, and then returned to Santa Barbara where he became the second employee of his father's scientific instrument startup, Wyatt Technology Corporation (WTC). After four years helping the company grow to ten employees, Geof went to Harvard University where he completed his MBA. He returned to Santa Barbara where, over the next thirty-five years, his father, brother, he and an enormously talented group of people built WTC into a world class company that was acquired by Waters Corporation in 2023.

Geof proposed to his wife, Laura, on a fly-fishing trip in Mammoth Lakes, CA, and although marital strains have shown when Laura frequently catches larger fish than her husband, their union produced a son, Spenser, who currently lives in Manhattan. Geof and Laura have been active supporters of a variety of environmental, cultural and health and welfare focused non-profits.

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I hereby vote on the following items:

1. On the positions for Trustees, nominated by the Nominating Committee and as set forth in this Notice of the Annual Meeting pertaining to trustee elections and re-elections, the following votes should be recorded:

Terms Expiring September 2028

<u>Candidates for Election as Trustees</u>	For	Against
Greg Hardy	_____	_____
Braden Hopkins	_____	_____
Claire Landis	_____	_____
Robert Nutting	_____	_____
Jeff Welles	_____	_____

<u>Candidates for Re-Election as Trustees</u>	For	Against
John Burns	_____	_____
Josh Crumpton	_____	_____
R. Joseph De Briyn	_____	_____
Peter Grua	_____	_____
Joseph Swedish	_____	_____
Geof Wyatt	_____	_____

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