

Candidate Bios

Julie George relocated to Cove Point Beach from Frederick, Maryland in 2020 and has lived here full time since. Julie joined the Board of Directors three years ago as an ex-officio member and has served as the Association's treasurer. Previously, Julie served as treasurer for the Frederick County Sheepbreeders Association.

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Bert Lane is a retired clergyperson whose ordination is held in The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. His 41 years of service were in Montgomery, Carroll and Frederick Counties. He is married to Dayna, a retired high school Spanish teacher. They are parents of three grown sons, and they enjoy the privilege of being grandparents to a rising 7th grader.

The Lanes bought their property on Hemlock Drive in 2004 from Dorothy Ordwein, who had purchased it in 1948. For nearly 14 years the little cottage on the property was their second home. In 2018, their retirement home was built on the rough footprint of the cottage. They moved into the new home permanently after Bert retired on March 1, 2020.

Bert is a member of the Rotary Club of Prince Frederick and the Cove Point Light Station Commission (serving as a CPBA representative to that County organization). He serves as a volunteer at the Calvert Marine Museum, with significant time devoted to being a CMM docent at the Cove Point Lighthouse. He also serves as a volunteer at the American Chestnut Land Trust, a non-profit organization which owns more than 1,500 acres of Calvert County land kept in conservation and manages even more for the State of Maryland. He has a passion for caring for the Chesapeake Bay, environmental justice, and our planet's well-being.

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Mark Rokala, wife Julie, and children Henry and Lilly joined the Cove Point Beach neighborhood 8 years ago on Chesapeake Drive. Pre Covid, they moved to Calvert Boulevard. Mark is running for re-election for his third term. He has served two years as corporate secretary and is now in charge of beach cleanup and maintenance.