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Kathleen Wanner

Planner • Organizer • Communicator
• Partner • Writer



Experience

March 2004 – Present

Vice President, Ghostwriters Communications, Inc. – Salem, NY and Rutland, VT

Provide integrated marketing and public relations support to natural resources organizations. Strengths: building collaborative partnerships, managing organizations and member services, planning events, serving diverse boards and audiences, grant writing, technical and business writing.

2006 – present

Executive Director, VT Woodlands Association: Providing outreach, education, and service to landowners, partners, and the public. Serving a 16-member board of directors and 1,000-member organization.

2006 – present

Executive Director, VT Wood Manufacturers Association: Connecting industry members across the wood products value chain. Serving an 8-member board of directors and 100-member organization.

2006 – present

Executive Director, VT Tree Farm Program: Advocating at the local, state, and federal level for Vermont's 500 Certified Tree Farmers. Providing liaison with American Forest Foundation, national sponsoring organization.

Affiliations

Member, Working Lands Enterprise Board 2012-present (gubernatorial appointment)

State & Regional Committees: Forestry Systems Analysis; Backyard Forestry; Town Forest Centennial; Forest Education Resource Center; and About My Woods Mobile App.

Senior Member, Society for Technical Communications

Past Director, Sustainable Forest Futures, Northern Forest Center

1981-1998 American Sign Language Interpreter

Volunteer & Service Activities

Usher Corps & Member, Paramount Theatre

Sustaining Member, Vermont Public Radio

2007 National Capitol Christmas Tree Committee

Auditor, Town of Chittenden 2004-2010 (elected position)

Acting Director, Vermont Current Use Tax Coalition

Project Learning Tree, Facilitator

Education and

1997 – MS Technical Communications, Magna Cum Laude, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, NY

1995 – BA English, American Literature, Summa Cum Laude, Castleton State College, Castleton, VT

Enjoy spending time with family, including children and grandchildren, knitting, reading, and crossword puzzles. Owner of Green Mountain Yarn & Fibers, a local yarn shop in Rutland, VT.

*Serving organizations that support the economy,
culture, and heritage of the working landscape*