

Olympia Film Society

Board of Director Applicants 2020 – 2021



**Michelle Sadler – Architectural Historian & Historic Preservation Planner,
*Private Practice, OFS Facility Committee***

I've been in Olympia for 6 years and from the start, the OFS and the Capitol Theater have been at the top of my favorite things about my adopted hometown. As a longtime volunteer for the Seattle International Film Festival, I've experienced first-hand the impact a film and related-arts organization can have on a community. Here in Olympia, I've been entrenched in the arts and heritage network since Day 1, when I came on board as the City of Olympia's Historic Preservation Officer. In this position I supported the Heritage Commission and provided direct service to the public by organizing events and offering technical advice on caring for historic buildings. It's never been a secret that Downtown is my favorite part of town and I've channeled most of my professional and personal time into supporting the vitality of its quirky building stock and the organizations and businesses that live in them. I would be proud to go beyond my status as OFS member and commit to more formally supporting the work of the organization to offer our community such a diversity of arts programming as well as a space to gather to cultivate our shared cultural interests.



Tom McDonald – Attorney; specializing in environmental law, OFS Facility Committee

I am applying to continue to be an OFS Board Member because I want to be involved in helping OFS remain an important part of downtown Olympia. My family has enjoyed and supported OFS since moving to Olympia in 1987. I recognize that OFS and the Capital Theater are an important part of the Olympia. I am currently chair of the OFS Facilities Committee. OFS provides a vital community based alternative forum for entertainment, and Capital Theatre is the one of the few remaining historical buildings in Olympia. I believe it is important to have OFS be financially strong, and as a local non-profit, OFS is the best entity to preserve and operate the historical theater. I look forward to OFS continuing to expand its entertainment options to music and other activities that will attract more community involvement and financial assistance. I hope I can bring my experience to continue to help the Board meeting these goals.



Jacob Sunday – Filmmaker, OFS Board Development Committee

I am from the Pacific Northwest and have worked in the industry for 12 years. I have worked my way up from production assistant to producer learning the process from beginning to end. My dedication to filmmaking, collaboration and my artistic talent have been rewarded with producer's credits on two feature films, "Buzzard Hollow Beef" and "Previous Man" and most recently I was brought on to "They Reach" as a creative consultant in preparation for the sale of that feature film. As OFS moves in the direction of outreach and education, I believe my experience in the industry can help guide and structure that new direction.

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Elaine Fischer - Retired State Government, OFS Board Vice President

I have been on the board of the Olympia Film Society for the past five years and would like to serve one more year. The Capitol Theater is my happy place, the place where I enjoy meeting up with friends for movies and other events, making new friends, working as a volunteer and just being part of a vibrant art house theater. I'm very invested in protecting and promoting this historic theater and OFS in our community.



Eileen LeVan - Retired Educator, OFS Board President

I joined the board five years ago because of my lifelong love of arthouse film and because the time has come to restore the historic Capitol Theater. In the intervening years, I've learned a lot about what it takes to run a successful non-profit organization, and I've enjoyed collaborating with the many volunteers who help keep the doors open at the theater. I look forward to working with the board and staff for one more year to help OFS remain a vibrant center for the arts and welcoming community space in Olympia.

Current OFS Board Member

Eileen LeVan - Board President, Grant Committee
Bruce Botka - Board Vice President, Board Development
Elaine Fischer - Board Treasurer, Finance Committee
Janice Liu- Board Secretary
Christine Salvador - Fundraising
Cal Ledbetter - Fundraising Chair
Michael Stein - Grant Committee
Jacob Sunday- Board Development
Tom Rieger - Facility Committee
Tom MacDonald - Facility Committee Chair
Peggy Clifford - Fundraising Committee

