

**PSF 2017 ANNUAL MEMBER MEETING
BALLOT AND PROXY STATEMENT**

(Please send your ballot and proxy to the PSF Executive Director, Diane Szipiera at 10
Winterwood Lane, Galena IL 61036
Or e-mail your response to dszipiera@planets.org)

1. Election of Directors to the PSF Executive Board. (The Foundation recommends a vote **FOR** all listed candidates):

<u>Abstain</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	
James Hagen	___	___	___
Christina Hollis	___	___	___
Paul P. Szipiera	___	___	___

2. Proxy Statement. In case of my absence from the 2017 PSF Annual Member Meeting, I hereby provide my proxy to (check only 1 name)

___ Joseph A. Auer, Jr., Chairman of the Board

___ Paul P. Szipiera., President and CEO

to vote on my behalf on all other matters brought before the 2017 PSF Annual Member Meeting that require such vote of the members. As of August 31, 2017, no other such matters have been identified for the 2017 Annual Member Meeting.

(Signature) _____

E-Mail reply from your e-mail address listed with the Planetary Studies Foundation will constitute a valid substitute “electronic” signature

Director Candidate Biographies and Statements of Position

Names have been listed in alphabetical order (last name) and are in the same order as the ballot.

James C. Hagen, Ph.D., MPH, MBA:



Jim is a professor at Saint Xavier University in Chicago. His Master of Science and Doctorate Degrees were earned in Microbiology at the University of Montana and Loyola University of Chicago respectively. As research microbiologist at Loyola University Medical Center, one of Jim's interests was the study of extremophiles and the search for evidence of microbes in space. Currently, Jim is the North American Director for the International Emergency Management Society (TIEMS) and does extensive work in Disaster Management internationally. He is now involved in a large project with the European Union and other projects in which UNOCHA space surveillance capabilities are extremely important. From a very young age, Jim became involved in his passion for collecting rocks and minerals from around the world, and has greatly expanded his collection of meteorites and space-related materials. His extensive collection of terrestrial and non-terrestrial samples is used to excite young students about science. Jim has been a PSF Board member for six years and a PSF Life member for over 20 years. It would be my privilege to continue working with this incredibly dedicated group of people.



Christina M. Hollis, Ph.D.:

Christina Hollis attended University of Minnesota and received her BS and MS in Mechanical Engineering with a minor in Math. Then she attended the University of Illinois at Urbana- Champaign where she received her Doctorate in Mechanical Engineering with a minor in Theoretical & Applied Mechanics. Christina performed engineering and managerial work for John Deere from 1973 to 2001 in six different Deere units. Later she assisted her husband, Wulf, in running Dr. Woodchucks Auction Services as well as the Allan Opera House in Scales Mound, Illinois. Many of the antiques found in the Banwarth House and Museum were purchased at Dr, Woodchucks. Christina has been a PSF member ever since and became an executive board member in 2012.

Paul P. Szipiera, Ph.D.:



Dr. Paul Szipiera has been Planetary Studies Foundation president and CEO for the past 28 years. Paul has been better known for his Antarctic research and meteorite studies. He taught at Harper College in Palatine, Illinois for 36 years. He was active in building the Harper College Karl G. Henize Observatory. Presently he is working along with Dr. Tony Iving in the classification of at least forty new meteorites to add to the PSF collection each year.