

# Board Candidates Statements & Bios

## DENNIS BARNES

"Since retiring in 2016 from a career in information services, I have been a passionate volunteer for a number of causes, including reproductive justice, equity in healthcare, and support for immigrants and women's rights. I am currently in my second term as a board member for the Seattle chapter of the National Organization for Women and have been active in challenging religious restrictions to reproductive and end of life care.



I have been volunteering with PMA for several years, notably with some systems work in 2016 and again in 2019. I particularly value the work I've been able to do with PMA's Equity and Inclusion Committee to apply my learning and continue to refine my understanding of the critical social issues of our time."

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## CARRIE ANDREWS



Carrie Andrews is a Board Certified Patient Advocate with a degree in English & Communications. For the past several years she has been drawn to advocacy work and end-of-life issues. She now works as a Patient Advocate, assisting people with advanced care planning in both group classes and individual consultations. In addition to the time Carrie has volunteered as a PMA board member, she has served as a member of the Governance Committee and also helped conduct the 2022 Funeral Home Price Survey.

In her well-earned free time, Carrie enjoys hiking and camping around the Olympic Peninsula and beyond with her husband.

## KIRSTEN KAUFFMAN

"I would very much like to be considered for election to the open alternate board position with People's Memorial Association. I am passionate about advocating for fair and equal access for all to end of life services and information. With 32 years of experience helping people navigate the home loan process, I would be a strong candidate especially in areas surrounding finance, legislation, and fundraising.



In my professional life, I work to ensure you understand what you are doing every step of the way. It is my mission to be your best resource from beginning to end, and to leave you feeling confident that you are in the best possible hands. I intend to bring that same responsiveness, transparency, and open communication to my service with PMA."

# Alternate Board Candidate

## LAUREL SEXTON



Laurel has been an active volunteer for PMA since 2018, having helped with the annual meetings, events, surveys, and financial auditing. She has been an advocate for advancements in disposition options, education, and pre-planning and looks forward to dedicating even more time to helping others navigate end of life care.

With a rich professional and volunteer background, including both the San Francisco AIDS Quilt and 10 years of experience in welding inspection, she looks forward to sharing knowledge and resources with PMA members and the broader community as a member of the Board of Directors.

