

Board of Directors Candidates

Janice Jackson-Haley

Janice is a certified End of Life Caregiver, providing end-of-life care and support to patients and their families. She also serves as a Hospice Social Worker for Heart n Soul Hospice, an organization committed to a new way of doing hospice care, to remove the misconceptions of who hospice helps, and to end the stigmas about end-of-life care.

She was called to deathcare work many years ago when she decided to devote her life to helping others die with dignity. It is Janice's mission to advocate for the dignity and care of all people regardless of race, ethnicity, sexual orientation or socioeconomic status at the end of their lives. Providing high quality, compassionate care when facing a life-limiting illness is what she strives to accomplish in her work. In addition to being a PMA member, she is a member of the International End of Life Doula Association (INELDA) and A Sacred Passing in Seattle.

Janice also offers HR consultation and Executive coaching services through JJH Consulting, LLC. With over 25 years of experience as a Human Resources Management professional, Janice is a strategic thinker and mindful leader with a mission to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion. As a dedicated community leader with extensive experience in civic and professional leadership positions, her work focuses on equity and building strong community connections.

Note: Janice was first elected to the board in 2023 to fill a departing board member's seat, and is seeking re-election this year in 2025 to start a new 3 year term.



Liz White

"Born and raised in the Central Valley of California, I went to college in San Francisco, where I met my late husband. After two degrees, I returned to school to become a nurse. I would then spent a little over 40 years as an operating room nurse (CNOR) in both outpatient and inpatient settings in various clinical and administrative capacities.

After many years in San Francisco, my husband and I decided to move to Seattle. Our two sons both went to the University of Washington and we had many friends in the Pacific Northwest, so in 1995 we resettled in the University District in Seattle. I would work at Northwest Hospital (now called University of Washington, Northwest Campus) until I retired almost 9 years ago.

After retiring, I looked for ways to stay active. I became a member and volunteer at the PNA Village, where I am on a number of committees and lead the Friday walks. I love monitoring the great blue herons at Commodore Park during their nesting season!

I became aware of People's Memorial Association over 20 years ago, when my late husband entered hospice during the final phase of his cancer journey. The hospice nurses told us about PMA and encouraged us to join. We did and I have been a member since! I'm proud to support PMA both as a donor and as a volunteer on the PMA Finance Committee. As a retired nurse and an elder myself, I am acutely aware of the need to educate and to further our awareness of end of life issues and concerns. The more appropriate information we have, the better we will be to make the best choices for ourselves and your family.

Thank you for considering me as a member of the PMA board!"



Elizabeth Coplan

Elizabeth Coplan, former PMA board president, is a playwright, producer, and marketing expert with 50 years' experience. Founder of Grief Dialogues, she creates award-winning plays and films exploring death and healing. A Dramatists Guild member, she splits time between Bainbridge Island and Costa Rica with her husband, Scott.



Jason Roberts

"Originally from the midwest and east coast, I've lived in the Seattle area for the last 20 years. I grew up in a home of healthcare providers and volunteered as an EMT myself through graduate school. I've always looked for ways that I could reach out and help people.

Having seen my family navigate the end-of-life experiences for all 4 of my grandparents in the last decade has shown me how challenging this process can be, even for those that are well prepared. I believe in the mission of People's Memorial, particularly in ensuring that families navigating an extremely trying time can find support, compassion, and respect. I'm excited to see People's Memorial Association continue to innovate and advocate for Washington State residents during their time of loss."