

In 2018, I ran for Secretary for a one-year term; this was done to set up staggered elections as called for in EDA's Cooperative Charter. Since then, in addition to that one-year, I have served two full three-year terms. Referencing the Charter again, a Board of Trustees member may hold a position no longer than nine years. I have two more years during which I can serve as Secretary of EDA and EDAF.

Over the past seven years, it has become clearer to me that EDA can help move the world to one we want to live in by teaching ourselves, family, friends, and colleagues how to engage in advocacy – speaking truth to power such that everyone's basic needs get met.

We have made a start through determining a set of Core Values and refining our Mission and Vision statements (which are on the ballot in this election for your approval). The statements are short, heartfelt, and place focus on creating advocates where we all live – at the grassroots. The Texas water initiative we have embarked on is a necessary beginning to our learning to be and create local advocates. I am excited to collaborate with you as we move forward to protect what keeps us alive, share fairly, and create sustaining networks.

Thank you for your consideration,

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EXPERIENCE

Economic Democracy Advocates, *2014-Present*

- Founding Member
- Co-organizer of 2018 Convention
- Member of Biocapacity Research Team and Cooperative Charter Drafting Team
- EDA Book Study participant
- Acting Treasurer, 1 ½ years
- Advocacy Team member
- Standard Operating Procedures Committee member
- Budget Committee member
- EDA/F Secretary for 7 years

Seven Ray Institute — *Office Manager, 2002-July 2018*

- Co-organized annual international conferences for 125+ attendees
- Handled a variety of questions from the public regarding function and purpose of the Institute
- Decided upon and managed vendors for office and website
- Member of Board of Directors, six years
- Functioning Treasurer, 14 years

Prudential Insurance — *Executive Assistant, 1996-2002*

- Helped lead attorney of Contracts Department build it from scratch
- Secretary to various other members as department grew from two to ten

Seven Ray Institute — *Assistant to Owner, 1991-1996*

Karlshamns Manufacturing — *Assistant to Plant Manager, 1987-1991*

EDUCATION

Portland State University and Grand Canyon University — *Bachelor of Arts in English Literature*

SKILLS

- Ability to work with various personalities and viewpoints
- Able to look ahead and plan
- Able to organize and track data
- Working familiarity with Microsoft Office Suite applications