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## NH LAKES Welcomes Four New Members to the Board of Directors

Jennifer King, Mark Kosiba, Renée Speltz, and Rob Tompkins join the statewide organization working to keep lakes clean and healthy.

Concord, N.H., January 12, 2022 – NH LAKES recently welcomed four new board members to the team working for clean and healthy lakes in New Hampshire.

Jen King is currently co-president of the Three Ponds Protective Association in Milton, New Hampshire. She has volunteered and worked for a variety of Seacoast nonprofits with projects including: helping youth at risk, preserving a historic lighthouse, restoring an 1876 school into a community arts center, supporting cancer patients, helping seniors and their caregivers, and advocating for organ donation. She has also spent years teaching in elementary schools and instructing and running youth sailing programs. "After finding our place on Northeast Pond, I fell in love with Milton Three Ponds," Jen explained. "I love the loons, sunrises, and paddling. I have a deep concern for the preservation of New Hampshire's pristine lakes and ponds. I want to educate others so that our beautiful waters remain clean and enjoyable for wildlife that inhabit them and the generations to come who want to have access to their wonderful recreation."

Mark Kosiba has worked in large companies including Ford Motor Company, and smaller, entrepreneurial companies like Traeger Wood Pellet Grills. He has helped grow a few companies focusing on all things operational and supply chain. He grew up in California where he never had the opportunity to visit a lake or get on a boat. "The day I did, I was hooked!" Mark commented. "I had to give my kids this experience. I got a lake house and decided to spend summers listening to the sound of the kids running on a wood dock, the splash, and the laughter. The world knows the best lakes are in New Hampshire. I hope to help keep them glorious."

Renée Speltz is a retired mental health counselor and consultant. After moving overseas to cities including Beijing, Hong Kong, and Singapore, she focused on consulting on repatriation and patriation with multinational corporations. In Manila, Renée was the Founding Chair of Philippine Canine Search and Rescue Foundation as well as a board member of several nonprofits and other organizations. Back in the United States, Renée has served as a board trustee of the Loon Preservation Committee, the Lakes Region Visiting Nurse and Hospice Organization, and the Winnipesaukee Playhouse. Renée's interest has always been the environment and the impact we have on it. Renée commented, "NH LAKES' mission dovetails with my interest in both the environment and the health of our lakes."

Rob Tompkins has worked in research and development at P&G/Gillette since 2007. He has enjoyed year-round living on Beaver Lake in Derry for 46 years. He is retired from the Beaver Lake Improvement Association (BLIA) where he was president for many years. He initially served on the NH LAKES Board of Directors from 1998 through 2007, and served as the Lake Host Point Person for 20 years. Rob really enjoys the pleasures of full-time lake living, especially entertaining his three children and their friends. "After retiring from the BLIA, I realized that I still wanted to help lakes," explained Rob. "I hope to educate on the value of protecting your lake in the present rather than fixing it in the future."

"We are delighted to have Jen, Mark, Renée, and Rob joining our board and I look forward to working with them," commented Bruce Freeman, NH LAKES Board Chair. "We are very excited about their strong, meaningful, and diverse backgrounds and the value they will bring to helping keep our lakes clean and healthy."

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Established in 1992, the mission of NH LAKES, a statewide, publicly supported nonprofit organization, is to ensure that New Hampshire's 1,000 lakes are clean and healthy, now and in the future. To achieve its mission, NH LAKES works with partners, promotes clean water policies and responsible use, and inspires the public to care for our lakes. For more information, visit nhlakes.org, email info@nhlakes.org, or call 603.226.0299

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