

BEFORE YOU VOTE IN THE 2017 UNIT 487 BOARD MEMBER ELECTION ...

MEET THE CANDIDATES

George O'Leary: Born in Minnesota before mid-century, I learned to play solo bridge using the tin slide boxes popularized by Charles Goren, but for many years I played very little. I was busy with the usual distractions, including nine years at Yale culminating in a Ph.D. in physics and a 40+ year career in semiconductors and related technologies.

About six years ago, however, some friends invited me to a money-bridge plus birthday celebration and I came away with a \$3 haul. That did it for me: I joined the ACBL, took lessons at the Ace of Clubs, and began playing as much as I could. I still consider myself a beginner, but I always enjoy the game and the company.

I also would enjoy being part of the Unit 487 board, bringing my experience of having served on quite a few corporate and non-profit boards in my 47 years of living in the Portland area. This includes past board service for the Portland Art Museum and Providence St. Vincent Foundation and my current position as treasurer of the Willamette Valley Soaring Club..



Kristin Steinmetz: I grew up in Northern California, earned a degree in zoology from UC Berkeley and an M.B.A. from Cornell, and spent 23+ years working in business strategy, planning, marketing, and sales. In my early 40s I essentially retired from business and pursued a second career making jewelry and small sculpture, currently sold in 30+ contemporary art galleries and museums. I also enjoy music, art, cooking, skiing and other outdoor activities, and volunteering for animal shelters and other non-profits.

Bridge, however, is a special passion. Though I first played the game in my teens and enjoyed the party version off and on for many years, it was just last year that I discovered duplicate, learning new conventions, rules, and strategies and playing every chance I get.

This experience makes me eager to support the teaching of duplicate bridge in schools and youth organizations. As a member of the Unit 487 board, I would work on projects to accomplish just that. I also would bring the experience of having served on a half-dozen other non-profit boards through my volunteer work.