

2023-24 FMHC Board Nomination Slate

Board Officers

President: Susan Bonner
VP: Bill Winget
Treasurer: Chris Daley
Secretary: Rose Thomas

Class of 2026

Edie Blair
Kate Browning
Jill Littig
Niels Lyng-Olsen
Alan Neigher
Steve Schiffman

Fairfield Museum Board Class of 2026- Prospective Board Members

Kate (Foley) Browning grew up in Fairfield and has lived in town with her family since 2013. She is currently a Senior Portfolio Specialist at Invesco, Ltd., where she covers alternative investment solutions for institutional clients globally. Earlier in her career, she held business development roles in asset management and healthcare. Kate graduated magna cum laude from the College Scholar program at Cornell University and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. She has been engaged in the local Fairfield community for most of her life and enjoys volunteering with the Junior League of Eastern Fairfield County, where she served five terms on the Board and as President from 2019-2020. She is excited to contribute her knowledge of and enthusiasm for the Fairfield community to the Fairfield Museum's Board and continue advancing its community engagement efforts.

Steven F. Schiffman is recently retired as the CFO of Devonshire Investors (the private investment arm of Fidelity Investments) and as President of Eight Roads (the international venture capital group of Fidelity). He has over 35 years of corporate experience, including roles at Starwood Hotels, PepsiCo and Ford Motor Co. Steve has served on multiple corporate Boards

and chaired a number of Audit & Risk Committees. He is currently on the Board of Advisors of the Int'l Business School at Brandeis University. Steve, his wife D'vorah and son Izzy have lived in Fairfield since 1998, after relocating here from Hong Kong. They own a prominent historic home in the heart of town which they've lovingly restored to period.

Edie Blair grew up in Fairfield and has always had an interest in researching and writing about its history. After graduating from Yale in 1977 she went to work at Morgan Guaranty Trust Company for many years before turning to freelance writing, primarily for banks and investment banks. Edie has worked for many organizations, schools, and clubs as a volunteer researcher, writer and producer of literary events. Edie and her husband Michael raised their three children both in New York and in Fairfield. For many years Edie has served on the board of the Fairfield Garden Club. The opportunity to serve on the board of the Fairfield Museum is particularly meaningful to Edie as it places her in the footsteps of her mother who served on the board of the Fairfield Historical Society. As a member of the board of the Fairfield Museum I believe I could contribute to the activities of the library and children's programs. I also would work on supporting the museum's relationship with the Fairfield Garden Club and its activities at Ogden House.

Niels Lyng-Olsen. I am fascinated by local CT history, in particular the founding of Fairfield town and the process by which our community was initially created, how acquisitive colonial growth resulted in the creation of the surrounding towns of Westport, Weston, Easton and Redding, and how the natural ports of Blackrock and Southport sparked a rich, local maritime history. I have spent time researching the history of the Fairfield Long Lots and the Burr family's impact on Fairfield. Professionally, I provide strategic and financial expertise to the international maritime sector, and I have for the last three years been the CFO of a US family-owned shipping company with operations in Hamburg, Germany. Previously, I worked in investment banking as partner of Pareto Securities, CEO of DNB Markets Inc., a broker/dealer, and as VP at JPMorgan Securities. I have an MBA from Columbia Business School and a Bachelor's degree in economics and public policy from Brown University.

Alan Neigher has been an attorney in the Westport firm of Byelas & Neigher since 1980. A graduate of Colby College and Boston College Law School, he specializes in media, entertainment, first amendment and trade regulation law. He has been honored with an AV (highest) Martindale-Hubbell rating, and is listed in the Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers as well as The Best Lawyers in America, Connecticut Super Lawyers (intellectual property) and New England Super Lawyers (entertainment and sports). He has served as a member of the adjunct faculty of Fairfield University, where he taught a course in law and ethics. He was the former Board president at Fairfield Theater Co. and serves as chairman of the Fairfield Arts Advisory Committee.