

## Nominee for Election to the Nominating Committee

The Star Island Corporation members directly elect members to the Nominating Committee. The Board of Directors submits the slate for that committee to the Corporation members.

The Board of Directors, at its March 2023 meeting, received the recommendation of the Committee on Appointments proposing two Corporation members who will be serving a first term on the Nominating Committee, two incumbent members to be re-appointed for a second term, and two incumbent members of the committee to serve as co-chairs. The Board voted to accept this recommendation. The nominees are:

Erik Cordes for a first, three-year term  
Lia Yanis for a first, three-year term  
Irene Bush for a second, three-year term  
Patricia Coleman for a second, three-year term, and serving as Co-Chair  
Julie Jowaisas serving as Co-Chair

Respectfully submitted,  
Star Island Board of Directors

### Biographical Sketches of 2023 Nominees

**Irene Bush** has been attending LOAS conferences with her family since 1980, chairing LOAS 2 with her husband in 1985. She was a member of the SIC Board for nine years, serving as president for four. She has also chaired the Memorials and Island Historical and Artifacts Committees and was Acting Director of Development for a year.

**Tricia Coleman** has been attending the All Star 1 conference for 25 years and more recently the Star Union conference and has served in the leadership of both. She is the current president of the Isles of Shoals Association (UU), is involved with the Shops on Star Committee, serves on the SIC board of directors, and has served on the Committee on Appointments for SIC.

**Erik Cordes'** history with Star Island dates back to 1980 when he attended All Star 2 as a child with his grandmother, Betty Blanchard. They returned to All Star 2 the next year with his parents Ron and Cathy Cordes and his brother Ben Cordes. During his college years, Erik was a Pelican and then began to come back as a conferee at the Young Adults conference where he met his wife, Brooke Cordes. When Henry Cordes joined the family, they all returned to All Star 2 and as Henry was followed by Maude, Dorothy, and Kylar, they have all been back every year since (pandemic notwithstanding). Erik joined the Star Island Corporation Board of Directors in 2012 and served until 2021 and was also on the Rutledge Marine Lab Committee from 2004 to 2021. When not on the island, Erik is a deep-sea ecologist and ocean explorer, with the title of Professor and Vice Chair of Biology at Temple University.

**Julie Jowaisas'** relationship with Star Island began at the age of three. Since then, she has been an All Star 2 conferee, worked as a Pelican for 3 summers, volunteered on island multiple times, and has been a Corporation member since 2015. She enjoys using her diverse perspective of Star Island to continue to benefit the island community that has contributed so much to her life. Currently, she lives with her husband and son outside of Boston where she is a Special Education preschool teacher.

**Lia Yanis** is an HR professional with degrees from Queen's University and Cornell University ILR School. Lia has 10+ years HR experience in Hospitality, Life Sciences, and recently in Higher Education. Lia is passionate about helping people find work they love and feel good about what they're do. Lia is a lifelong IA conferee and spent 2 full- and many end-of-seasons as a Pelican, during which she met her husband. Lia has been a Corporation member since 2017 and has served on the Personnel Committee.