

**Adelphi Hills Community Association
2301 Seminole Street
Adelphi, Maryland 20783**

Short Biographies of AHCA Officers and
Representative Officials Before the County Council
and the PGCPs Board of Education

Magalie Salas, President

Born in Puerto Rico; came to the DC area for her undergraduate and graduate studies. Received a BA cum laude in Urban Studies from Trinity Washington University and a law degree from Georgetown University. Member of the DC Bar. Worked at the Federal Communications Commission and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Executive Director of a local, nonprofit arts organization, 2011-2016. Member of the intercultural choir at St. Camillus Catholic Church since 1992. Has lived in Adelphi Hills since 1982, with her son, daughter, grandchildren, and faithful friends Max and Champ, now in dog heaven.

Elizabeth Watson, Vice-President

Grew up in Florida and lived in California, North Carolina, and Vermont before moving to the DC area to work for the federal government. She and Abel moved to Adelphi Hills in 2017, into their first home together.

Abel Cárdenas Ortega, Secretary

Raised in Sonora, Mexico; later moved to Arizona and attended college there. He moved to the DC area for his work as an engineer. He and Elizabeth got married last year. They love playing tennis and biking the great local trails.

Ann Stoddard, Treasurer

Ann is an interdisciplinary artist, published writer, and professor of art. In 2017, she exhibited her work in a solo show at AIR Gallery Brooklyn, and in 2016 at 39TH Street Gallery, Brentwood, MD. Her work has been reviewed in regional and national publications. Stoddard taught art at Ohio University and at Salisbury University before joining the faculty at Montgomery College in 2011. Since moving to Adelphi in 1978 with her husband John Straub, Stoddard has served two terms as president of the Adelphi Hills Community Association, motivated by the goals of preserving the neighboring woods from development, protecting Adelphi Hills from water damage, and building community.

John Straub, Webmaster

From Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Came to the DC area with his wife Ann Stoddard in 1978. A Vietnam veteran, he earned a Ph.D. from Indiana University prior to moving to the DC area. Works as a consultant in Information Technology, and previously worked for many years as the Chief Technology Officer for a financial institution in the DC metro area. John and Ann enjoy traveling, going to music festivals, and dancing as much as possible.

Deni Taveras, County Council Representative, District 2

Born and raised in Harlem, New York; lost both parents at an early age and was raised by her maternal grandmother. Through scholarships, she was able to earn a BA from Barnard College and an MS from the University of Utah, both in the field of chemistry. Worked for the Environmental Protection Agency. Subsequently attended Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public Administration and International Affairs. At Princeton, she earned a dual master's degree in public affairs and urban regional planning. She has lived in District 2 for more than 10 years. Former Chief of Staff to State Senator Victor Ramirez and University of Maryland adjunct professor. Was elected to her first 4-year term on the County Council in 2014; re-elected to her second 4-year term in November 2018.

Pamela Boozer-Strother, PGCPs Board of Education representative, District 3

Born in Prince George's County, she has been a resident of Brentwood in District 3 for over 13 years. Earned her MBA from the Kogod School of Business at American University while serving as the executive director of a national association. She is a Certified Association Executive (CAE) and founded a business in 2011 focused on association convention and events sponsorship fundraising. She is parent of a 3rd grader at Mount Rainier Elementary. For three years, she served as the Treasurer of the Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) and chaired fundraising efforts for in-school arts programs, after school programs, and teacher appreciation. Served as a Board Member and President of the Gateway Community Development Corporation (Gateway CDC) from 2007-2009, which has driven the arts-centered economic revitalization of the Route 1 corridor. Gained experienced in building planning, budgeting, and construction through the oversight of the Gateway Arts Center, critical skills she brings to the PGCPs Capital Improvement Program.