Chapter Chair’s Corner
By Elizabeth Ryan

Boston Chapter Seeks Executive Committee Volunteers

The weather may be telling us it’s still summer, but fall is just around the corner. This is the time of year when we here in the Boston Chapter enjoy the foliage, look forward to winter, and plan the administrative changeover that brings us into the new year.

Mark your calendars for our Annual Meeting, to be held virtually on the evening of Sunday, November 13. For more information, see the article on page 5.

We also have several open volunteer opportunities in the chapter, open to anyone with the interest and time to take them on:

Assistant Treasurer
Love numbers and making them “balance”? Want to help things run smoothly for your chapter? Make deposits, write checks, keep chapter financial records, create the annual budget, balance bank statements, prepare information for our annual audit, and interpret the use of funds to membership. We seek an individual to assist the current Treasurer. Best enjoyed by those with an attention to detail and the vision to help meet chapter goals with limited resources.

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Secretary
The chapter’s wordsmith and historian. Working with the Chapter Chair, frames the agenda for Executive Committee meetings, documents and distributes the meeting minutes, and electronically stores proceedings to make the permanent record. Manages, composes, maintains, and archives chapter correspondence, including distribution lists. Best enjoyed by someone confident with language, writing, and experience using Word, Excel, SharePoint and Google documents.

Communications Associate
We seek an organized, creative, and enthusiastic individual with a passion to share the chapter’s message. Ensures that our communications deliver consistent and compelling messages in alignment with AMC’s mission and chapter goals. Update the website, deliver emails, and provide social media. Works closely with the Chapter Chair and Vice Chair to ensure that all chapter communications follow current AMC guidelines and best practices.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Associate
The Boston Chapter is committed to building an inclusive community that seeks members and advances leadership opportunities for those not historically represented by outdoor clubs. We seek to build bridges that connect people, organizations, internal chapters, and committees in order to create events that enable everyone opportunities to Be Outdoors. If you’re seeking an opportunity to help educate, train, and create safe, accessible, and inviting outdoor recreational opportunities for our community, this is the role for you! The door is wide open for a resourceful and enthusiastic individual to help us on this journey toward social justice and outdoor access for all.

Member at Large
Are you passionate about AMC serving all its members? You can be their voice to the Chapter Executive Committee! Have a finger in many pies, and help where it’s most needed. Lead chapter-wide projects and reach out to other chapters and AMC staff for ideas. Needs organizational and communication skills and a commitment to participate in every Executive Committee meeting. Your voice and vote is important to us!

If you’re interested in any of these volunteer positions, please contact Cindy (cindy@amcboston.org) or Brooks (rbsherman123@gmail.com). More information can be provided, and you’ll have an opportunity to speak with other committee members to determine if a fit is right for you.

Three Mile Island Creators Week, September 19–22
Are you a crafting aficionado? You’re in luck!

From Monday through Thursday, September 19–22, Three Mile Island Creators Week brings together a community united by interests in generating handcrafted items, as well as connecting with nature and other like-minded creators of beautiful things.

Located on Lake Winnipesaukee in Meredith, NH, you’ll also enjoy gorgeous fall foliage (pre-peak, but beautiful nonetheless).

People of all skill levels can choose one of three project communities—knitting, quilting, or collage art—as well as share meals, socialize, and enjoy the quiet of the island.

For more information, including a schedule and how to register, see the online brochure.
Finding Trips and Activities Online

Trip listings are now exclusively online!

**Boston Chapter trips:**
- Visit the Trip Listings Digest at [www.amcboston.org](http://www.amcboston.org), where you’ll always find two months’ worth of trips.

**All AMC trips** (including Boston Chapter-led trips):
- Log in to [https://activities.outdoors.org/login](https://activities.outdoors.org/login) with your AMC account (your AMC Member Center account or AMC Online store login).

If you have not yet created an AMC account, go to the above link and fill in the information in the box on the screen’s left side to create one.

If you have an account but have forgotten your username or password, scroll down and click the *I forgot my username or password* link at the bottom of the screen.

After signing up for a trip, you will receive a registration confirmation via email, which can help coordinate carpooling with other participants. You can also use your account dashboard to keep track of your upcoming trips.

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Have a Story or Photos to Share?

*We’re always interested in hearing about your AMC adventures, experiences, and outdoor tips.*


For more information or to submit an article, contact the Mud editor at edex.edit@verizon.net.

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Attend an Executive Committee Meeting

*Boston Chapter Executive Committee meetings are open to all AMC members.*

Come meet the chapter leaders and share your ideas. Meetings are held September through June on the first Monday of the month. Chapter meetings are currently held remotely.

For more information, contact the Chapter Chair at chair@amcboston.org.
Get Ready For FallFest, September 24–25

This year’s FallFest, previously known as Fall Gathering, will be held at three regional AMC lodges:

• **Highland Center—Crawford Notch, NH**
• **Noble View Outdoor Center — Russell, MA**
• **Mohican Outdoor Center—Blairstown, NJ**

Having FallFest at three locations across AMC’s region increases the opportunity for people to celebrate locally. This enhances accessibility for long-time AMC supporters, as well as those learning about or interested in joining the AMC.

Last year, more than 300 people attended, enjoying friends, food, and fall! In what promises to be another fun event, attendees can participate in hiking, biking, paddling, outdoor family activities, map and compass training, as well as social events that raise awareness of the AMC.

For more information: [activities.outdoors.org](http://activities.outdoors.org)

To sign up: [www.outdoors.org/FallFest-registration](http://www.outdoors.org/FallFest-registration)

Hope to see you there!
Fall Leadership Training

Are you interested in organizing and leading activities and trips?

If so, all you need to do is complete the Boston Chapter leadership program. This qualifies you to be a leader-in-training, alongside an experienced leader, for Boston committees, including Hiking/Backpacking, Bike, Ski, 20s & 30s, Forty Plus, Family Outings, and Paddling.

Leadership training is open to all AMC members, with preference given to those who actively participate in events and trips.

The training program consists of lectures, small group exercises, and role-play scenarios, spread over two evening sessions (one online, one in person) and one in-person overnight weekend session. Topics include trip planning and organization, safety, leadership approaches, and group dynamics. The program emphasizes experiential learning and decision-making skills.

At the end of the program, participants are paired with an experienced leader/mentor to assist with leading activities.

For more information and/or to sign up: 
activities.outdoors.org/search/index.cfm/action/details/id/140422

Boston Chapter Annual Meeting, November 13

Save the date!

Please join us virtually for the Boston Chapter Annual Meeting on Sun., November 13 at 7 pm.

Whether you’re an AMC member who isn’t yet active with the Boston Chapter, or a regular attendee of trips and events, this online meeting lets you hear from the Boston Chapter Executive Committee and AMC staff, and to participate in the election of chapter officers for 2023.

This year’s keynote speaker is Majka Burhardt, a professional climber, social entrepreneur, author, and filmmaker.

Majka is the Founder and Executive Director of Legado, an international organization that helps secure Thriving Futures for both people and the wild places they call home. Legado originated in 2011 during a pioneering climbing and conservation research expedition to Mozambique, and is supported today by some of the world’s most influential conservation funders and decision-makers. Majka has spent more than two decades leading international ventures focused on cultural and environmental issues spanning Africa, Europe, and North and South America.

A Zoom registration will be available in October. The Annual Meeting will also be posted on the AMC’s website, outdoors.org, and via a chapter-wide email blast.
Bike Committee Is Back!

COVID hit us hard in 2020 and 2021, but our bike programs came surging back in 2022! Although we’re still rebuilding, this year we’ve led 50 rides so far—about 2/3 of our pre-Covid program.

We’ve resumed most of our flagship programs:
- Tuesday and Thursday evening ride series; some now in urban areas
- Women’s bike riding workshop
- Annual Needham ride and pool party
- Weekend tours, with trips to Lancaster, NH; Burlington, VT; and midcoast Maine. We’ve even ventured back into Quebec!

And introduced some new ones:
- Beginner riding skills workshop
- Gravel rides

The Bicycle Committee aims to bring cyclists together in a friendly, social atmosphere in which people can acquire new skills and enhance current ones. Riders often get together socially after trips, such as going out to lunch or dinner.

To learn more about bicycling with the Boston Chapter, check out our website: amcboston.org/amc-boston-chapter-committees/bicycling-committee.
The Mud Goes Green

Starting with the Spring 2023 edition, the quarterly Mud newsletter will be available only electronically. (Winter 2022 will still have a print edition.)

Anyone currently receiving the print edition will automatically be added to the electronic distribution list.

The Boston Chapter looks forward to saving money, time, and trees. Thanks for helping us Go Green!