Loring Greenough House
Jamaica Plain Tuesday Club

Board of Directors Slate for Annual Members' Meeting

RE-ELECTION TO A SECOND TERM:

Dorothy Clark - Second Term would expire May 2029

Dorothy Clark grew up in Boston and has lived in Jamaica Plain since 1985. As assistant survey director with the Boston Landmarks Commission, she is responsible for managing the process of historic site landmark designation. The former editor of *Historic New England* magazine, Dorothy holds a master's degree in historic preservation from the Boston Architectural College, a master's degree in American history, and a bachelor's degree in journalism, both from the University of Massachusetts Amherst. She has worked for the Bay State Banner, the Boston Herald, and the Boston Globe. As a member of Loring Greenough's Community Education Committee, she has organized a number of well-attended lectures and other events.

Dorothy is also a Loring Greenough House docent and an adjunct instructor at the Boston Architectural College. Her mission is to advance the relevance of history among the public and to advocate critical and enlightening engagement with the past.

Michael Epp - Second Term would expire May 2029

Michael and his wife Gayle have lived in Jamaica Plain since 1981. Michael is an architect noted for the design of the South Station Bus Facility, Charles/MGH Station, and concepts for Green Line Extension stations. He has been a strong supporter of our lawn programs and landscape improvements, loving how the Loring- Greenough House has become the symbol of the new Jamaica Plain. Currently is a member of the House Committee, working on a plan to convert the existing heating system to geothermal.

Very active in JP activities, Michael is a board member of JP Centre/South Main Streets, and is a Chairman of their design committee. This committee is responsible for the oversight and design review of over 30 retail

storefronts on the Centre/South Streets corridor. Michael initiated the Centre/South “Vision” Master Planning initiative from Forest Hills to Jackson Square which the City has funded, but is currently on hold by Mayor Wu’s office, waiting for a new Director of Transportation to be selected. The goals of the plan are to improve pedestrian safety, add a significant number of trees, and improve the lighting. Additionally, Michael was a 'pro-bono' advisor to the Footlight Club developing a renovation master plan and designing and constructing new bathrooms and most recently the addition of an elevator making all levels of the theater ADA accessible. He also is the Acting President of the Sumner Hill Association and has been active in the Emerald Necklace Conversancy’s efforts to stop the private use of White Stadium.

Michael is a graduate of the University of Nebraska School of Architecture and the Harvard Graduate School of Design. In 2018, he was inducted into the "College of Fellows" of the American Institute of Architects.

Lorie Komlyn - Second Term would expire May 2029

Lorie has been involved with the JPTC since August 2014. She is Co-Chair of the House Committee, a member of the Development Committee, the Program Committee, the Enterprise and Private Rentals Committees, and has worked on the Southwest Chamber project, created a structure for maintenance reports, conducted grants research, and was on the Ell Feasibility task force. She is currently the Director of College Counseling at the International School of Boston.

Lorie holds an A.B. from Washington University in St. Louis, and a J.D. degree from Golden Gate University School of Law in San Francisco. She is a member of the CA and CT state bar associations, as well as the First District Court of Appeals, the Ninth District Court of Appeals, and the Federal District Court for the District of Northern California. In 2016, she was awarded her Master of Studies in Building History from the University of Cambridge (England); her dissertation investigated the multifunctional opera houses of New England constructed between 1875-1910. She has completed the Program in New England Studies, the Preservation Philosophies and Practice course, and the Property Easement workshop through Historic New England. She has volunteered as the news anchor on the Watertown Weekly Cable News; the New England Historical Genealogical Society; the historic Keeler Tavern in Ridgefield, CT; the Footlight Club; Friday Night Supper Program; the Millennium Elephant Foundation in Kegalle, Sri Lanka; the Quincy Homestead; Prison Book Program; and serves on the Board of the Gibson House Museum.

RE-ELECTION TO A FIRST TERM (RETURNING TO THE BOARD):

Nancy Leask - First Term would expire May 2029

Nancy has volunteered with LGH since 2008 when she first became involved in house activities by helping to plant a new perennial border in the north lawn, designed by Dorothy Derifield. She has served on the board of LGH from 2012 to 2018 and again from 2019 to 2022. She is presently a member of the Landscape, Finance and Community Education Committees. Still working at Ray Dunetz Landscape Architecture Inc. in Jamaica Plain for almost 18 years, Nancy is fortunate to have assisted on many landscape projects in the Boston area including South Street Mall in JP, Horatio and Highland Parks in Roxbury, Farlow Park in Newton, and a new otter exhibit at the Trailside Museum in Milton.

As a member of the landscape committee, Nancy recently assisted with the planting design of the tree and shrub border along the Curtis Hall fenceline. Nancy has also been an active volunteer with Roslindale Green and Clean for over ten years where she helps maintain numerous public landscapes in Roslindale. Nancy graduated from the University of Minnesota with a Bachelors in Landscape Architecture. Nancy has lived in Roslindale since 1998 and is the proud owner (uh- 'servant') of two cats.

Edward Stanley - First Term would expire May 2029

Edward currently serves as the Co-Chair of the House Management Committee, a position he has held for a number of years. He has been a member of the Loring Greenough House since 2003, previously serving as Board Vice President (2008-2011) and as Board President (2011-2013). Edward is an accredited personal property appraiser specializing in fine art and antiques and is also a realtor specializing in historic homes.

Prior to starting his appraisal firm he was a preservation consultant, advising a variety of governmental agencies, developers, and non-profit organizations on regulatory and other issues. Edward holds a B.A. in History from Bates College, an M.B.A from the University of Connecticut, and an M.A. in Historic Preservation from Boston University. In addition, he is a graduate of the Program in Appraisal Studies in Art and Antiques at the Rhode Island School of Design. Edward brings a wealth of skills, enthusiasm and solid commitment to his volunteer service, making invaluable contributions to the Loring Greenough House.

PROPOSED FIRST TIME DIRECTORS:

Selvin Backert - First Term would expire May 2029

Selvin Backert is currently an Education Specialist at the Museum of African American History. He is a graduate of Suffolk University with a major in History with a Public History Concentration and minor in Black, Women and Gender Studies.

Selvin's interest in the Loring Greenough House began in 2024, when he conducted research for Hidden JP, examining the Greenough family's sugar plantation financial records to help uncover the history of the enslaved people on their property. With that work, he became fascinated by the history of the Loring and Greenough families and their historic property. Since then, Selvin has wanted to learn more about the history of this site, and is eager to contribute to the organization's community events and service efforts.

Kate LaPine - First Term would expire May 2029

Kate LaPine brings decades of communications, development, and project management experience to her work as an independent museum professional. With an MBA specializing in nonprofit management, she supported institutions in the healthcare, museum, and education sectors before realizing she wanted to return to the museum world. A lifelong student of history, she earned a certificate in museum studies from Tufts University while delivering tours and interactive programs for visitors to the Old State House and Old South Meeting House. At Revolutionary Spaces, she developed a virtual exhibit about James Otis, Jr.'s contributions to the American Revolution and his struggles with mental health. Kate has lived in Jamaica Plain since 2000, has been a member of the Collections Committee, and is proud to have volunteered on LGH's archaeological dig in 2022!

Adama Sesay - First Term would expire May 2029

Adama Marie Sesay, Ph.D. is a Jamaica Plain–based bioscientist and translational research leader with over 20 years of experience bridging research and industry. She currently leads a dynamic team of bioscientists and bioengineers at the Wyss Institute for Biologically Inspired Engineering at

Harvard. Adama's longstanding commitment to environmental stewardship and community engagement is reflected in her work with the Environmental Foundation for Africa, her role as Project Administrator for the Women's Environmental Network, and her involvement with the London Ecology Centre. Her professional and volunteer experiences demonstrate a deep dedication to conservation, sustainability, and strengthening community-centered environmental initiatives.

As a Jamaica Plain resident, Adama is passionate about supporting spaces that foster connection, culture, and environmental responsibility.

Trent Taylor - First Term would expire May 2029

Dr. Trent Taylor is a Boston-based historian of eighteenth-century British America and the wider British world. He received his MA and PhD in American history from the University of Oxford in the United Kingdom, and his BA in history from the University of Virginia. He volunteers at the Loring-Greenough House and is an active member of the programs committee.

Dr. Taylor works as part of the Visitor Experience teams at Revolutionary Spaces and the Gibson House Museum. He is also a historical research consultant for the Forbes House Museum in Milton where his work will form the core of an upcoming exhibit on the Irish Donation of 1676. He has given lectures and presentations on various historical subjects around the Boston area including at the Boston Athenaeum and the Shirley-Eustis House.

<u>CURRENT MEMBERS WHO ARE REMAINING ON THE BOARD IN 2026:</u>

Alyssa Alessi - First term expires May 2028
Gabriela Amore - First Term Expires 2027
Ian Donnelly - First term expires 2028
Carol Garfield - First Term Expires May 2027
Andrew Hatcher - Second Term Expires May 2027
Alice Hutton - Second term expires May 2028
Diane Spears - Second term expires May 2028

<u>CURRENT DIRECTORS WHO ARE LEAVING THE BOARD IN 2026:</u>

Milady Auguste – Leaving Board
Maya Baca – Finishing Second Term