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Date: Sept 30, 2025

To: All SEAMS Members

From: Will Duncan, Executive Director

#### **SUBJECT: SEAMS Annual Election of Officers**

At the 2025 SEAMS Annual Networking Conference scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, October 6th & 7th, at the Westin Savannah Harbor Resort and Spa. The **General Business Meeting will convene at 4:15 pm on Monday, October 6, 2025.** 

### **Election of Officers and Directors, page 2**

The following page will serve as your Official Notification of the Election of Officers and Directors, delivered to you as required by Article V of the SEAMS Bylaws.

#### Article V -- Election of Officers & Directors

The president shall select a nominating committee of himself and not less than two (2) past presidents to prepare a slate of candidates for officers and directors for the coming year. This report must be submitted in writing to the Membership not less than two (2) weeks before the annual meeting of the Association. Members-at-large may submit nominations in writing to the secretary not less than one (1) week before the annual meeting. The election of officers and directors shall be held at the annual meeting on a date in the fall of each year, which the board of directors shall select. New officers and directors shall take office on the first day of the new Fiscal Year, as determined by the executive committee. Any person serving as a director or an officer, whose employment status changes, such that they are no longer employed in the sewn products industry or by a SEAMS member in good standing, may continue to serve in their elected position until the end of the SEAMS fiscal year in which the change occurs.

Please note that the cutoff date for WRITE-IN nominations is Friday, October 3, 2025. All WRITE-IN nominations must be delivered to the SEAMS Office via Email to wduncan@seams.org.

Please feel free to call the SEAMS Office at 803-642-1111 if you have any questions.

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two (2)

one (1) cover letter

one (1) official notification page

# The Nominating Committee submits the following slate of candidates:

## Officers for the Year 2026

(elected to serve a two-year term January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027 per Bylaw Article - XIII)

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Vice President, Jim Hopkins Secretary/Treasurer, Xochil	
Tabitha Green	Manufacturing Directors for the Year 2026  (elected to serve a three-year term January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028)  Eligible for 2 terms  Workwear Outfitters, Nashville, TN  National Industries for the Blind (NIB), Alexandria, VA  Supplier Directors for the Year 2026  (elected to serve a three-year term January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028)  Eligible for 2 terms
Jeff Gladden	Buhler Quality Yarns, Jefferson, GA
Board Members Not Up for Election for the Year 2026	
	Manufacturing Directors (elected to serve a three-year term January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027)
Steve Hawkins	
	Supplier Directors (elected to serve a three-year term January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026)
Tanya Wade	
	Supplier Directors (elected to serve a three-year term January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027) Eligible for 2 terms
William Mebane Ryan Smith	
Education Director (elected to serve a three-year term January 2024 through December 31, 2026)	
Alex Whitley	

Write-in nominations MUST BE RECEIVED in the SEAMS Office by 5:00pm on Friday, October 3, 2025. Email to wduncan@seams.org.