

# 2024 Official Candidates

## CENTRAL REGION

**Ross Gill** has lived in the Delhi area with his wife, Athena, for 30 years and has been a member of DCEC since 2007. Ross has been a title insurance searcher, examiner and assistant underwriter for 32 years and currently works remotely for the American Title Insurance company. Much of Ross' work since 2015 has involved the examination and insuring of renewable energy projects within NY State. Ross enjoys working on renewable energy projects and studying all things related to energy. Ross previously served on Stewart Title's Upstate Operation's Energy Project Advisory Panel from 2015-2021 based on his prior knowledge and experience with real estate and title insurance issues concerning energy projects, having worked with Chevron Appalachia since acquired by EQT Corp., and Chesapeake energy from 2011-2013. Ross currently serves on the governing board of Delhi Alliance Church and as an elder. Ross and Athena have three grown sons and four grandchildren. In their spare time they enjoy breeding and raising Labrador Retrievers.

**Ed Griswold** My adult life began sometime during my second semester senior year of high school when the reality that my parents were financially incapable of funding my college education hit me. That burden would fall squarely on me. Student loans were not an acceptable option for me, but working my way through was. Six years later I accepted an offer to be a sixth-grade teacher in an upper Westchester County school district.

During those years, first as an elementary teacher and then later as a middle school science teacher, my chosen career provided me unique opportunities. After my first year I had the good fortune to do part of my MS degree at the University of Dijon, in France and in 1990, become a recipient of the Nasa Honors Teacher Award which earned me an all-expense-paid month to work and collaborate with other states' recipients at the Stennis Space Center in Mississippi. Following that unforgettable experience, with three other recipients, we did a presentation on the then future International Space Station at the 1991 Annual National Science Teachers' Convention in Boston, MA.

By 1994, it was time to move on to something else; however, that "something else" was left in the hands of the Universe. Two beliefs have been the foundation of my life: 1) the energy one sends out to the Universe is returned in-kind, and 2) if one has a talent or gifts/he has an obligation.

In March of that same year, two influential people entered my life. They were both financial planners and we decided to build a team which meant new schooling and exams in securities, life and health insurance, and registered investment advisor were needed for proper licensing. By May of 1995, those goals were achieved and my second/current career as a self-employed, wealth planner/manager was launched.

Community service is an excellent way to meet one's "obligation". In the fall of 2017, the Trustees of the College Foundation at Delhi accepted me as one of its trustees and in January of 2021, elected me president (volunteer position of a 501c3 non-profit) to oversee the \$6M physical assets, \$15+ M financial/invested assets, educational initiatives, and coordinate the many committees.

Thank you for the opportunity to be considered for a Director's position of DCEC.



**Ross Gill — Meridale, NY**



**Ed Griswold — Delhi, NY**