

AAZK Appoints Two Members to Board of Directors

AAZK, Inc. is pleased to announce the appointment of Penny Jolly of Disney's Animal Kingdom and Wendy Lenhart of Philadelphia Zoo to the Board of Directors. Penny is a current member of the Board, serving as our Association's Vice President, and was elected to a second term. Wendy was elected to her first term and will be sworn in at the AAZK National Conference in North Carolina. Congratulations Penny and Wendy!

Penny Jolly

Penny has been a member of AAZK for 19 years. She became Co-Chair of the newly formed National Conservation Committee in 2007 and helped develop the committee. In 2009 she was honored to become an AAZK Board Member and currently holds the office of Vice-President. "Through the hard work of all the Conservation Committee, we have facilitated several National AAZK workshops including: "Bringing it Home: Participating in Local Conservation", "Green Teams and Green Practices at Your Zoo", "Bushmeat Crisis: local perspectives, global solutions" and "How to Inspire Your Visitors to Conservation Action". She has been a member of the Kansas City and Orlando Chapters, holding the Secretary and Treasurer offices, and participating in fundraisers and conservation projects including BFR and as the 2001 National Conference Treasurer Chair.



Wendy Lenhart

"A few years ago when the Greater Philadelphia Chapter of AAZK hosted the annual conference, I was able to speak with some visiting kangaroo keepers about the red kangaroos in my care. It's really nice when you can talk to someone else who has a similar task with a different perspective. That was the first conference I had attended in several years and it was invigorating. I found that I took a new pride in my work. After that, I found out that a few of my new kangaroo pals were involved with the AAZK National Conservation Committee, so I decided to apply. Since I've been a member, we've collaborated for articles in the *AKF*, organized a workshop for the Syracuse Conference and I've had the pleasure of assisting with the expansion of Bowling for Rhinos resources. I can't say enough good things about being able to work with other keepers on projects you are all passionate about and for animals we all want to protect. I would encourage anyone with a positive attitude and new ideas to get more involved with national committee work."





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