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2011 New Hampshire Planners Association Executive Committee Election

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Three Three-Year Terms

Vote for NOT MORE THAN THREE candidates (by checking the appropriate box):

- Tara Germond
- Meena Gyawali
- Pierce Rigrod

The following are short biographies of each candidate.

Tara Germond

Tara is a regional planner for Southwest Region Planning Commission in Keene, NH. She has worked at the Commission for the past two and a half years on transportation, energy, natural resource, land use, and broadband planning projects. In 2009, she earned a Master's of Regional Planning degree with a concentration on environmental planning from the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Prior to pursuing graduate studies, she worked as Sustainable Programs Coordinator for the University of Rhode Island's Kathleen M. Mallon Education and Outreach Center. At the Center, Tara coordinated a statewide effort to educate individuals on the benefits of composting, recycling, and source reduction. She holds a Bachelor's of Science degree in Natural Resource Management and Environmental Economics from the University of Rhode Island.

Tara greatly enjoys working in a region rich with natural resources, history, and civically engaged communities. Since moving to New Hampshire from the flatlands, she has taken up backcountry skiing, backpacking, and trail running in as many beautiful state parks and forests as time allows, including Fox State Forest, which abuts her current home in Hillsborough.

Meena Gyawali

With degrees in Urban and Regional Planning and Public Administration, Meena has spent her career helping businesses and non-profits succeed. For 13 years she worked as a planner and economic development coordinator in the City of Manchester. She also served as the staff liaison to the city's arts commission, spearheading Manchester's outdoor arts and the creative economies program. In her spare time, she enjoys painting and hiking. She lives in Manchester in a restored 100-year-old home with her husband, Dan and their 17 year old cat.

Pierce Rigrod

Pierce is an environmental analyst within New Hampshire DES's Drinking Water Source Water Protection Program. He oversees the state's Groundwater Reclassification Program, provides "BMP" training and administers a number of DES grants to improve local planning and zoning to address the fundamental challenges the state faces concerning land use development and clean water resources. Prior to working at DES, Pierce was a land use planner in the Nashua region and a research analyst at UNH's Complex Systems Research Center at UNH, Duhram.