

Name: Cory James Cantrell

Age: 49

Occupation: Geologist/Explorer

Passions: All the Natural World and some Human things...

My bamboo journey began in 2007 with a single grove on my own property; by 2009 I'd planted my first *Phyllostachys spectabilis* cutting, now our farms largest stand. What started as a love of the plant grew into a mission once I saw bamboo's power to remediate soil, sequester carbon, and rebuild habitat. In 2021, I formalized that mission into Kaya Morning Bamboo LLC, now cultivating multiple species, running and clumping with a focus on reclaiming land at old oil well and coal mine sites. As a working geologist in the mining/energy industry, I bring firsthand knowledge of the land bamboo can help restore-and I'd welcome the opportunity to serve that mission on the board.

David King

My term as an ABS At-Large Director is ending at the fall Annual Meeting in Texas, and I have thrown my hat in the ring as a candidate for another term. I am currently Secretary of the ABS, and before that, Treasurer for many years.

I joined the ABS the year after its formation in 1979 by Richard Haubrich in Southern California, after seeing a brief article in Sunset Magazine about the new society. Enjoying bamboo had already become a passion for me, if only as a backyard hobby. I still consider the \$8 dues one of my best investments back then.

I have had experience as Membership and Treasurer Chair of the Northern California Chapter of the ABS, from its inception in 1980 until it dissolved in 2022 after a good run.

I accepted the ABS Treasurer position in 1994 and passed it on to Sue Turtle in 2000. I then transitioned to ABS Secretary, the position I have held to date. The Secretary handles much of the ABS correspondence, and assists the President in the preparation for the annual and interim online meetings of the Board of Directors. I would like to continue in that role as an At-Large Director and respectfully request your vote.

Thank you!

Juan Pablo Martínez Mansilla

Guatemalan, 53 y/o, Bamboo lover since 2005.

Expert in tropical bamboo plantations, maintenance, harvesting, logistics, preservation, transformation, processing plants, design, execution (furniture and construction) and exporting.



International consultant and instructor for all aspects mentioned before.

Member of several bamboo associations worldwide.

Mark Sanders

Mark Sanders is the president and owner of Ninth Ward Nursery, a New Orleans, Louisiana-based garden center specializing in bamboo. Founded in 2015, Ninth Ward Nursery has gained a reputation for quality plants and as a resource in the upper Gulf South for bamboo expertise. In 2026, Ninth Ward Nursery expanded its operations to include a wholesale division. Sanders currently serves as editor of BAMBOO Magazine, and is a member of the ABS Board of Directors and its sister organization, the Ned Jaquith Foundation.