

## The Thoreau Alliance Committees

Per the Thoreau Alliance by-laws, the President of the Board of Directors (BOD) serves as a voting member of all by-law-defined committees except the Committee on Nominations and Elections (CNE). The Executive Director (ED) serves as staff support for CNE. The ED may also assist other committees as needed. All committees must designate a member to focus on diversity and belonging within the committee's work.

**Awards Committee:** Consists of the president, past president (or other board designee of the president), and ED. Consults with the Board of Directors (BOD) about awardees for the annual major awards.

**Committee on Nominations and Elections (CNE):** Works with BOD and ED to determine open seats, presents a slate of nominated candidates to the membership, and facilitates voting/election processes.

**Collections & Fellowships Committee (Standing/By-laws Designated):** Oversees scholarly inquiry through the organization, connecting scholars with each other and with resources. Oversees TTS's collections in the Walden Woods Project Library. Manages the Society's two fellowships. Oversees the formal affiliations with (and designates liaisons to) other scholarly associations.

**Education Committee:** Fosters relationships with educators to build connections and community, makes educational content available to teachers and students, and develops opportunities for educators to learn more about Thoreau, his contemporaries, and his world.

**Executive Committee (Standing/By-laws Designated):** Supervises the administration of the Thoreau Alliance. Composed of the President, Vice President, Treasurer, & Clerk.

**Farmhouse Committee (Standing/By-laws Designated):** Advises the Board and assists the Executive Committee and Executive Director on issues related to the care and operation of the house and property.

**Finance Committee:** Oversees the organization's budget and presents an annual budget for BOD approval. The Committee ensures that the organization operates within its financial resources to provide programs and services in accordance with its mission.

**Membership & Development Committee (Standing/By-laws Designated):** Advises on cultivation of the Society's membership and strengthening fundraising efforts.

**Programs Committee:** Assists with planning in-person and online public programs and special events. The Annual Gathering subcommittee sets the conference theme and plans conference content.

**Publication & Communications Committee:** Works with the ED on communications issues, including improvements to the organization's websites, databases, e-newsletters, and other related issues. Oversees the Society's publications, including the *Concord Saunterer* and the Thoreau Society Bulletin.

**Thoreau Prize Committee:** Oversees the administration of The Thoreau Prize, a literary award granted annually to an accomplished writer in English who, with a comparable intensity, wishes to speak for nature and embodies the spirit of Thoreau as a gifted writer, insightful naturalist, and ethical thinker.