

**NJHN BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATE STATEMENTS  
FOR 2025-2027 ELECTION TERM  
(in alphabetical order)**



***Gary Brill***

I have been an active member of the New Jersey Humanist Network since the mid-1990s and have served two separate terms as president of the NJHN. I am currently NJHN Secretary, and in the past co-founded both HumanLight in 2001 and the Humanist Community at Rutgers University in 2009. I received a Ph.D. in Personality and Social Psychology from New York University, worked in industry for 20 years and taught psychology at Rutgers University for 16 years. My vision for the future of the NJHN is of a friendly, inclusive, effective organization that serves its members well and pursues opportunities for growth amidst technological change. I am married to Tamar Kieval Brill, another board member of the NJHN.



***Adriana Cordal***

I am currently a retired psychiatrist who practiced mostly in NJ for over 30 years. Most of my career has been as an academic psychiatrist with clinical, administrative, research and teaching experience.

I was born and raised in Uruguay by non-believer parents, in a country which has a large percentage of atheists and deep roots in skepticism. By the early 2000s I felt it was time to reach out to people who had similar ideas about religion, skepticism, and our duty to contribute to society from a secular perspective. I joined the Red Bank Humanists in 2007. In recent years, after moving to Mercer County, I joined NJHN.

In 2021 I was elected to NJHN Board of Directors. Later, in 2022 I was elected to the role of Vice President of NJHN. I currently participate in the Membership Committee and Program Committee (Chair). This committee is tasked with planning and executing most of our member focused activities (speakers, social events, book club, exploring humanism, members' monthly dinners, special events).

In regards to the Program Committee, we have been revising our range of activities, responding to our members' interests and to changing times, topics and resources.

In addition to my duties and responsibilities as an NJHN board member, I participate in most NJHN activities enthusiastically.

Lastly, I have a special interest in reaching out to younger people. I feel that we are at a special time in our country, when truth is being misunderstood and challenged, and that we need to provide a safe and welcoming environment for like minded people who want to learn, reason, help others and share their values.



### ***Robert Lovatt***

I am a former Catholic who became an atheist in my late twenties. I work in the IT field and have been a member of NJHN for eight years. I am the current treasurer and would like to continue in that capacity.



### ***Joe Vincenzino***

Being an almost lifelong secular person, it has always been important to me that the secular view of life be heard in the world. I always called myself a humanist, for want of a better word, because I didn't know such a thing existed until my 40s.

NJHN has made strong efforts in providing a place for secular people to meet and feel comfortable. It was one of the first groups I sought out after moving to NJ and after my divorce. I've found it the place to be to find friends, and a place to fit in.

I've been involved in the secular movement for many years now, since 2011, as a member, organizer, and even an officer of a number of groups. I've been a member of the board of NJHN for a few years now, and I think that I've been able to help in the organization's mission to be a welcoming place and an active secular voice and force in making a difference.

So, what do I bring that can help?

Even though not being the most well-read secular person, my strength in understanding what it means to be secular, and a humanist, has always been a positive, especially in my communicating to others what that means.

I present a friendly and welcoming face to people, both members and non-members, secular and non-secular, and create the welcoming and comfortable environment the NJHN provides for people.

I'm a gadget geek, and I think I'm highly technically skilled, and have provided technical support and solutions for NJHN for live, virtual and hybrid meetings, and will continue, moving forward.

Overall, I like to help NJHN in its mission. I like to help life be better and safer for secular people and think I can as a member of the NJHN board.

Thanks for your consideration.