

January 2012 Voting Ballot: Board Officer Nominations (please circle for or against)

Mary Feree is a Friendswood resident who has a son with a mental illness. Mary currently teaches preschool children. Recently, Mary and her son attended the NAMI National Convention in 2011.

For

Against

Tom Moran is a new to Alvin resident with a son who has a mental illness, and a retired engineer. Tom is a previous long time resident of Friendswood resident.

For

Against

Trisha Garza Is 38 years old, born and raised in the La Marque-West TC area. She states “I live in Dickinson with my husband and 3 children. I have worked at UTMB in Galveston for the Department of Psychiatry for the past 6 ½ years. My current position is as a Business Coordinator to 5 faculty. I absolutely love what I do, the faculty that I work for and the patients/families that I get to help each day. When I first accepted my position, I had no idea of the impact it would ultimately have on my personal life. I come from a good family and my parents gave me and my older brother, Pat, a very good childhood. However, in his very early teens, Pat began experimenting with drugs and alcohol. My family and I watched, and tried many, many times to help him, as he increasingly became worse and, ultimately, became addicted to drugs, which lead to his mental illness. This mental illness and drug addiction resulted in his death just last month. In recent years and prior to his death, I found myself in search of more ways to assist my parents in dealing with this situation, and hopefully finding help for Pat, after having dealt with it for 20 plus years. That is what led me to NAMI Gulf Coast. Although my brother has passed, I don’t want my involvement with NAMI to come to an end. I feel that his death has motivated me to try to help other families in similar situations, and becoming a NAMI Board Member would definitely allow me to do just that. Furthermore, I feel that being a Board Member would also give my parents and me the peace of mind that Pat’s death was not in vain.”

For

Against

Joe Watkins has been a long time family member who has a daughter with a mental illness and previous board member. He is retired and currently volunteers at the NAMI GC office helping with consumer payee accounts.

For

Against

Irene Stone is a retired nurse and has volunteered with NAMI for several years. Most recently have been helping in the thrift shop. She states “Having several family members who have suffered with mental illness I know what a difficult road it can be for both consumers and their families. I think the support NAMI offers to our members and good job we do to educate the public about Mental illness is worthy and important. I would like to help in any way I can”

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Against

Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Address _____ Telephone number _____ Email _____