

Hardrock Hundred Endurance Run

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The Hardrock Hundred Endurance Run Board of Directors is pleased to share the results of its annual elections and an updated roster. We welcome three new board directors, Alex Elizabeth, Andrew Place, and Rachel Rountree; we say goodbye to longtime director Ken Gordon; we welcome back Blake Wood as an emeritus director; and we confirm the board's 2026 composition and executive committee. Directors serve multi-year terms, and the board is comprised of up to 12 members, plus emeritus directors.

Meet Alex Elizabeth



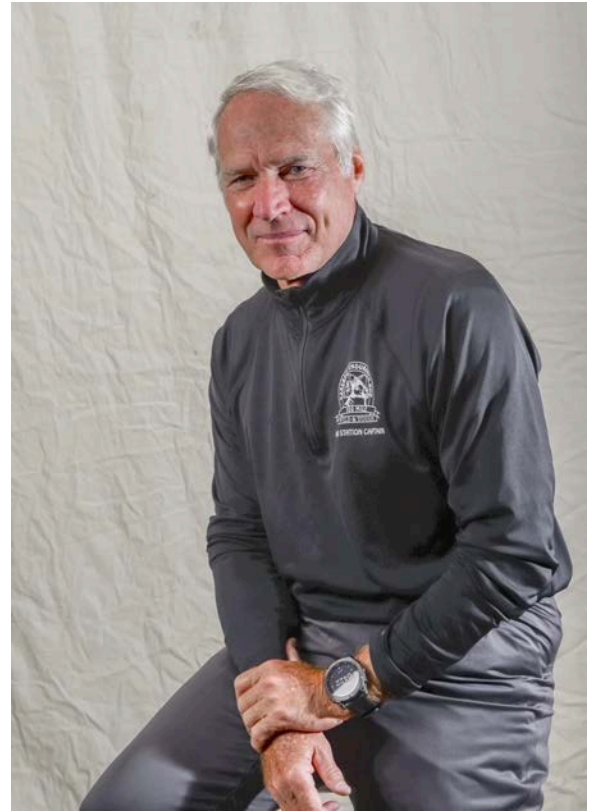
Hailing from Utah, Alex Elizabeth is a public health and planet health advocate with deep ties to the San Juan Mountains and Hardrock community. She's spent multiple years crewing and pacing at Hardrock, experiencing the run through long days, short nights, and everything in between. She brings a public health and nonprofit background focused on equity and strategic planning, and is committed to carrying forward what makes Hardrock special while supporting meaningful progress that is responsive to the communities it serves.

Alex is most moved by Hardrock's value of supporting the communities and landscape through which the event travels: "This value reflects a deep appreciation for the people and places that make Hardrock possible and a shared responsibility to care for them."

Get to Know Andrew Place

Andrew Place, of Pennsylvania, has given 15 years of service to Hardrock as an aid station captain, including at both Cunningham Gulch and Putnam Basin. He brings over 30 years of experience, including at the board and executive director levels, at the United Nations, state public utility commission, environmental protection agencies, and environmental-focused think tanks. He has been a committed mountain runner for over half a century.

About the organization's perpetual work in upholding its traditions while evolving into a successful and sustainable future, Andrew says, "With the exceptional growth in the interest and expectations of trail running and runners, the board and leadership hold unique obligations as stewards of the culture that is Hardrock."



Meet Rachel Rountree



Rachel Rountree, of Montana, is a 20-year San Juan Mountains visitor and conservation professional. She brings two decades of nonprofit leadership to Hardrock, including her day job as the Associate Director of the Prickly Pear Land Trust in her hometown of Helena. She looks forward to serving Hardrock by applying her background and love of trail running to this legendary community.

When asked what she's most excited about in joining the board, she says, "I'm excited to build upon Hardrock's legacy by focusing on strategic growth and innovation, ensuring the organization remains a benchmark of excellence for the next generation of runners."

Other Board Personnel Milestones

Returning Hardrock Board of Directors members for 2026 are Stephanie Case, Dave Coblenz, Kari Fraser, Dale Garland, Doug Hart, Meghan Hicks, Kris Kern, Tom Stockton, and Chris Twiggs.

The newly elected 2026 board executive committee is composed of Meghan Hicks as President, David Coblenz as Vice President, Tom Stockton as Secretary, and Kris Kern as Treasurer. These directors also held these positions in 2025.

Meghan Hicks reflects on these changes, “We are energized by the expertise and passion Alex, Andrew, and Rachel bring to the organization, and can’t wait to work together. We are so excited that Blake has returned as an emeritus director, bringing his critical institutional knowledge. Finally, we extend our deep gratitude to Ken for his more than 1.5 decades of commitment to Hardrock in many capacities. Though the board’s make-up evolves, we remain collectively committed to working in the best interest of the organization, communities, and landscape we all hold dear.”

Learn More About the Hardrock Hundred Endurance Run

The Hardrock Hundred Endurance Run is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charged with hosting a 102-mile trail run of the same name. The event routes participants over 12,000 feet above sea level some 13 times, including over the summit of Handies Peak, at an oxygen-stealing 14,048 feet above sea level! The route connects the historic mining towns of Silverton, Ouray, Telluride, and Lake City. First held in 1992, the run remains dedicated to the memory of hardrock miners who made their living in the San Juan Mountains, as well as the Ute, Puebloan, and Diné people whose ancestral roots are in what’s now known as the San Juan Mountains. The event endeavors to support the trail running community both near and far and to stand behind the communities and wild places through which it passes, in its mission to put on a wild, tough, and aspirational endurance event.

The 2026 Hardrock Hundred Endurance Run will be held on July 10 to 12.

Learn more about the run and see stunning photography of our event by visiting the Hardrock Hundred Endurance Run [website](#), [Facebook](#), or [Instagram](#).

If you would like more information on this extraordinary athletic event, please contact:

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