

**BIO FOR
CANDIDATE FOR ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR**

Name: Emma S Perry

Present Position: Professor of Marine Biology

Organization: Unity College, Maine

Chapter Affiliation: Member at Large

Biographical Information: I was born and educated through my undergraduate degree in Zoology in Britain. Then emigrated to the US for my PhD in 1990. I have lived in this country first as a graduate student in Florida, then as a Professor in Maine for more than twenty-five years. At a small institution such as mine I was of necessity involved in governance at many levels throughout my time there. I have led our faculty for five years as moderator, I have designed and created successful undergraduate majors including Marine Biology, and gained our first provisional approval from the state with the creation of our first teaching certification (Life Sciences). I have also built our coral wetlab from scratch to a successful facility. Further, I continue to teach our next generation, our undergraduates, Marine Biology courses.

While I started out as a physiologist, I retrained as a systematist and tardigradologist. Studying tardigrades allows me to work with undergraduate students on fundamental research. I use tardigrades to teach them how to think, how to question like a scientist and then how to address the questions they pose.