

CANDIDATES FOR MAFCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS, 2023–2024

To be counted, ballots must be mailed by October 15, 2022. (*Candidates are listed in random order.*)
Results will be announced at the National Awards Banquet on December 6, 2022, in Golden, Colorado.

MELANIE WHITTINGTON BECKLEY, WEST VIRGINIA

As a board member I will use my 20-plus years in business, leadership, finance, and planning to aid the growth and visibility of MAFCA. This experience, coupled with an MBA, gives me a well-rounded background for a position on the Board.



I recently spearheaded the charter of the first MAFCA chapter in West Virginia. In January 2022 I began acting as an administrator on the MAFCA Facebook page. In May 2020, as a member of the Era Fashion Committee (EFC), I created their Facebook page and provide content on era fashion. I am in my second term on the EFC.

My husband, Terry, and I are actively involved in the Model A hobby, which began for us 12 years ago. He recently took over publication of *Constant Contact/The Flying Quail*. As a Board member, I look forward to bringing our enthusiasm and love for this hobby to everyone we meet.

ROBERT BULLARD HOCKLEY, TEXAS

I am currently a MAFCA Director running for reelection. In 2021 and 2022 I have served as the MAFCA Chapter Coordinator and have gotten to know many of you vicariously through your local chapter's newsletter. I find our hobby immensely interesting, and I would like to represent you on the Board of Directors for another two years.



I am a strong advocate of driving our A's and believe the strongest visibility we have as a club and gaining new members is getting our cars out and in the public. My wife, Elaine, and I tour extensively each year, meeting many of our wonderful MAFCA members around the country.

As geographically varied as our members are, we all share a love and passion for preserving, restoring, and driving our Model A's while enjoying the camaraderie of our fellow enthusiasts. I will work as your representative to preserve this heritage.

WILL LANGFORD OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

I purchased my first Model A Ford in 2005 as a project for my father and me. 17 years later, I now own two and have been a part of two local MAFCA clubs.



I would now like to bring my 47 years of business experience to the national organization. We must find the strategy that attracts the next generation to the Model A hobby. Social media platforms and smartphones are the tools of the next generation. We need to be there in full force to better communicate with them and encourage them to be the next stewards.

GARY PRICE CARNATION, WASHINGTON

I have held several leadership roles in the Evergreen chapter since joining MAFCA in 2013. This includes two years as club president, newsletter editor, and webmaster. I manage our club website, evergreenmodela.net, on a Windows platform using Visual Studio. I recently retired as a principal group manager from Microsoft in Redmond, Washington, after a 25-year software engineering and management career. I hold an engineering degree from Purdue and an MBA from the University of Portland.



My wife and I both own Model A's — hers a '28 Roadster and mine a '31 S/W Town Sedan. We both enjoy keeping our cars on the road in the Pacific Northwest! At the national level, I believe that I can help build collaboration and cooperation among our local clubs, share our reach to the next generation through targeted social media efforts, and help build the technology infrastructure we need to better serve our members.

CHESTER WOJCIK MINERAL, VIRGINIA

My involvement in MAFCA started as a young man learning through my father as well as club members in local chapters, attending as many as 15 national events to date. I own a 1930 Roadster that I restored, as well as assisting in many other Model A family projects.



I currently serve as President for Alliance Medical Gas, a national organization for the piped medical gas field. I have an extensive knowledge of computer systems as well as accounting practices and business requirements.

A favorite event each year is our pilgrimage to Hershey to work with MAFCA staff and directors. I have done this for the past 20 years. I come before the membership looking to bring in a generation that has significant business experience but also to use my service to generate and to encourage the youth as well as the younger families to get involved in the hobby.

DAVE GILL WEST SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

I joined the Sacramento Capitol A's and MAFCA in 2007 to prepare for a grand retirement trip, driving a Model A across the continental United States, hitting all four corners. After that, I became more involved with the hobby, serving as a multiterm board member, committee chairperson, and president of my chapter. I have also been involved as co-chair of a Northern California Regional Group regional meet, have participated as a Restorers Class evaluator, and sit on the national Restorers Class committee.



Before that, I was employed with a California law enforcement agency, progressing through investigator, supervisor, and manager, to executive positions. My time as assistant director provided me with hands-on experience managing a department with 459 employees and an annual budget of \$32 million.

These experiences have given me the skills needed to assist MAFCA in its current operations as well as preparing for an exciting future.