

PCRRHS 2021 ELECTION CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES & BALLOT

Gary Farmer for President: Gary is a society charter founding member. He hosted the 2000 and 2017 conventions, is in his seventh year as president, and has written over 60 POST articles. His interest in the PC touches many aspects of the hobby—from the prototype, to models, to photographs, to railroading. He considers it a privilege to lead the society and hopes to continue as President in 2022.

Craig Zeni for Vice President: Age 57 and currently employed as the Southeastern Regional Sales Manager for Fristam Pumps of Middleton WI. I cover from Delaware to Florida, Maryland, WV, Kentucky, and everything South and East of that line and the Mississippi River, plus Arkansas and Puerto Rico...so I do get up into "PC proper" territory regularly! I have been a train enthusiast for as long as I can remember. I started model building and book collecting around 1983 and worked in a hobby shop from 1985-1990. I have been a fan of the PC for about 30 years now, ever since Yanosey's book came out.

Michael Beverley for Treasurer: Michael is a founding member of the PCRRHS and is his 20th year as Treasurer. He is a locomotive engineer for Amtrak out of Albany, NY, with over 45 years in the railroad industry. He has been President, Vice President, and is the current Alternate Secretary/ Treasurer of the BLE&T Division 752 in Albany, NY. He models O gauge and collects many types of railroading, including Penn Central.

Scott Ornstein for Secretary: My fascination with the PC began as a young child growing up in the northern suburbs of New York City in the late 1960s and early 1970s. My father commuted on PC trains, my grandparents came to visit on PC trains, and whether near home in the 'burbs, or in semi-rural central Connecticut where I spent time train watching as a child, I always looked forward to the arrival of a train, with the PC "mating worms" logo blazing a trail on the head end. I retired in 2020 from a 30-year career at PC-successor Metro-North RR, and had prior stints at Conrail and several management consulting firms. I have been a PCRRHS member since I first learned of the organization in 2011, and also volunteer at, and serve on the Board of Trustees of the Railroad Museum of New England in Thomaston, CT. I am now in my second year serving as Secretary, and look forward to continuing in that role.

Pat Livingston for Trustee: A current member of the PCRRHS Board of Directors, I am very active in the society having planned 3 conventions and now serve as the Train Show Coordinator. It is my plan to get our society more familiar with the history and story of our railroad. With our continued contact with the public, it is my hope that our membership will continue to grow and that we will have more opportunities to teach people the importance of the PC and get them interested in the preservation of the road. Having worked for all 8+ years for PC, the memories are still fresh in my mind. Being part of the society gives me a chance to share them with everyone and I am hoping the opportunities will continue.

Dave Owens for Trustee: I joined the society in 2003 and have helped host two conventions, assisted with others and have taken on volunteer tasks such as mailing calendars and society models. Currently, I prepare the society's E-News. The society has been successful in preserving PC history and serving the modeling community, which I believe is the society's future. Since PC is long gone, younger generations (and potential members) will learn about the railroad through modeling and efforts to highlight PC's place in history. I help organize an annual prototype modeling meet in Conn. I work for a municipality doing communications work. I grew up in Philadelphia and live in West Hartford, Conn. with my wife and 18-year-old daughter.

Michael Shirey for Trustee: Born in 1975 in Indianapolis, Mike grew up near the ex-PRR/PC Hawthorne Yard and remembers watching a lot of the PC become CR during the late 70's/early 1980's. A 1994 high school graduate, he hired with Sperry Rail Service to do Class-1 NDT rail testing. From 1999-2003, he served in the US Navy, including a 2003 tour in Iraq. From 2004-09, Mike worked Flash butt welder for Class-1 rail gangs. In 2009, he was unable to work anymore because of PTSD issues from Iraq and is now a fully 100% service-connected veteran. He was the Co-Chairman for the 2014 Elkhart convention where 3 NS Heritage Units were shown. He also helped plan the COVID-aborted 2020 Detroit convention and is a Co-Chairman for the 2021 Altoona convention. He asks for your vote as a Trustee. Thank you!

PCRRHS 2021 BALLOT- detach and mail to: PCRRHS Elections 457 Twitmyer Ave Sharpsville, Pa 16150

President: 1-year term: _____ Gary Farmer; or write in candidate: _____

Vice President: 1-year term: _____ Craig Zeni; or write in: _____

Treasurer: 1-year term: _____ Michael Beverley; or write in: _____

Secretary: 1-year term: _____ Scott Ornstein; or write in: _____

Trustees: 2-year term (vote for 2): _____ Pat Livingston, _____ Dave Owens, _____ Mike Shirey or write in: _____

Mailed ballots must be received by Thursday Sept. 30th or can be hand-delivered at the convention.