

## **PCRRHS 2022 ELECTION CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES & BALLOT**

**Gary Farmer for President:** Gary is a society founding member. He hosted the 2000 and 2017 conventions, has served as a Trustee, is in his eighth year as the Society's President, and has written over 65 articles for the POST. His interest in the PC spans four decades and touches many aspects of the hobby- from the prototype, to models, to photographs, to railroadians. He considers it a privilege to lead the society and hopes to continue as President in 2023.

**Craig Zeni for Vice President:** Age 58 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 35 years, ever since Yanosey's book came out.

**Michael Beverley for Treasurer:** Michael is a founding member of the PCRRHS and is his 21<sup>st</sup> year as Treasurer. He is a locomotive engineer for Amtrak out of Albany, NY, with over 46 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 railroadians, 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 member of the PCRRHS 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 third year serving as Secretary, and look forward to continuing in that role.

**Mark Kerlick for Trustee:** From my early days of Lionel, to discovering HO scale in the early 70s my interest in modeling and railroads have influenced my life accordingly. As a young man, riding my bike down to the PC road crossing at Walnut Street in Sharpsville and to the EL yard at Ferrona (Sharon PA) led to a lifelong adventure of railroading. During college I worked at Plaza Hobby in Hermitage, Pa. Here I gained even more appreciation for the hobby. I graduated from Youngstown State University in 1981 with a bachelor's degree in Transportation Management." Mark has worked in the automotive and transportation fields, and now works as general supervisor of logistics and transportation at APTIV Corp. "I have considerable management experience in the auto industry and have traveled North America extensively. I've attended numerous meetings over the years and I have a good grip on how organizations should run. I also have relationships with many of the manufacturers in the model railroad industry and have had an influence on some projects, including PC.

**Gerry Schaefer for Trustee:** Gerry came by his interest in railroads and model railroads from his father who worked for Canadian National Railways. He's been contributing to the preservation of railroads for four decades through his membership in several historical societies including the PCRRHS since 2012. Gerry has been publishing model railroad blogs and writing magazine articles for a decade using the pen-name Hunter Hughson, and is building a model railroad depicting Penn Central's Niagara Branch. He has had over a dozen articles published by Railroad Model Craftsman magazine. He regularly presents clinics at Railroad Prototype Modeler (RPM) and in 2020 he and a couple of friends started the virtual RPM series called Hindsight 20/20 which has so far produced 13 day-long RPM events. He supports PCRRHS through continuous membership, convention attendance, as a proof reader for PC Post, and has recently taken on the responsibility of Content Editor at PC Modeler.

**Larry Lawler for trustee:** I'd like to introduce myself to the society members, as some know me, some may have heard my name, and to others, I may be a complete stranger., Hopefully, not for long!  
I've had an interest in the PC beginning around age 12 in 1972. I grew up about a mile from PC's Frontier Yard in Buffalo and would take advantage of any opportunity to watch the action there. Eventually, as I got older and more mobile, frequent trips on my bike were made, resulting in inspiration to recreate what I saw, which was my first attempt at painting. The first "victim", was a dummy AHM RS3, in all its PC glory. It's a prized possession of mine, and looking at it brings back many very fond memories. Interestingly enough, one of my recent projects has been "updating" the new Bowser RS3 model, so things have come full circle! Modeling has provided a means for myself, and I'm sure many others, to connect with that history and I'm building a Buffalo Line-inspired HO scale layout. Adulthood brought military service and a very fulfilling 40+ year career in the Fire/ Rescue services. PCRRHS membership has been incredibly inspiring and beneficial to my hobby interests, both in terms of things like the amazing Post articles and pictures over the years, and the relationships that I've made as a result of meeting like-minded enthusiasts. My intention is to run for the trustee position in order to contribute more to the organization in whatever way that I can, and continue to help the PCRRHS grow as it moves forward. Thank you for taking the time to read this, I absolutely appreciate your vote!

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**(See candidate biographies on opposite side.)**

**PCRRHS 2022 BALLOT- mail to: PCRRHS Elections 69 Brewster Rd West Hartford, CT. 06117-2211**

**Mailed ballots must be received by Tuesday September 20<sup>th</sup>. Ballots can also be hand-delivered at the convention.**

**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 no more than three):

\_\_\_ Mark Kerlick

\_\_\_ Gerry Schaefer

\_\_\_ Larry Lawler

Write in \_\_\_\_\_