

PCRRHS 2023 ELECTION CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES & BALLOT

Dave Owens for President: 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 20-year-old daughter.

Craig Zeni for Vice President: Age 59 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 over 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 23rd 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 railroadiana, 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.

Jim Homoki for Trustee: Jim is a founding member of the PCRRHS, served as President for nine years as well as Trustee for several more. He has contributed articles to the Post, chaired a convention, and worked with many manufacturers through the Model Committee. As Trustee he will continue to work toward increasing membership in the Society by promoting it through shows, sales, and modeling. Jim grew up at MP 38.5 on the New York Region mainline, now part of Amtrak's NEC. He's been building and operating a PC-themed HO layout for 20 years.

Jerry Jordak for Trustee: Jerry is a founding member of the PCRRHS. He has served as a Trustee and Webmaster since its formation. He has written over a dozen articles for the POST and also manages the Society's presence on social media. In his spare time he also models the Penn Central in HO scale