

PCRRHS 2024 ELECTION CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES & BALLOT

David Owens for President: I am in my first year as president of the Penn Central Railroad Historical Society. My goals, with the consent and support of the board, are to allocate resources to begin digitizing the society's collection of photos and documents, to continue modeling projects that benefit members and spur interest in Penn Central and the society by non-members, and to have conventions planned multiple years in advance. I am a former newspaper reporter who now works in communications for a municipality in Connecticut. I am on the board of directors of the Amherst Railway Society, which produces North America's largest train show each January in West Springfield, Mass., and am one of the people who organizes the New England Prototype Modelers Meet. A native of Philadelphia, I now live in West Hartford, Connecticut, with my wife and daughter, who is a college senior.

Craig Zeni for Vice President: I am currently employed as the Southeastern Regional Manager for Fristam Pumps of Middleton, Wisconsin. 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! For the Society, I have served as Trustee and Vice President as well as served on the Modeling Committee. With the help of others on our Modeling Committee, we have brought new limited run models to the membership, including the recent run of Tangent three dome tank cars. It would be a privilege to continue serving the PCRRHS as Vice President. I'll continue to work to grow the membership, work with model manufacturers, and overall, spread the word about the Penn Central. Thank you!

Mike Beverley for Treasurer: Hello all, running for Treasurer, have enjoyed doing it since 2001. I have over 48 years in the railroad industry, and Penn Central was where I started my continuous career. I also do some O gauge railroading, and am supporting the society's HO offerings as well. I always look forward to our conventions and I thank all who work on them.

Scott Ornstein for Secretary: My fascination with the Penn Central Railroad 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 Metro-North Railroad in New York, a Penn Central successor, 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 in my 5th year serving as Secretary, and look forward to continuing in that role.

Larry Lawler for Trustee: I have been interested in the Penn Central since I was a teenager growing up in Buffalo, N.Y., a short distance from PC's Frontier Yard. As often happens in life, I drifted away from the railroad hobby as life pursuits, such as a 40-year career in the Fire and EMS services, raising a family and serving as a National Guard member occupied a large amount of my time. But eventually, I became interested once again in the Penn Central, and focused on the HO scale modeling aspect of the hobby. My re-emerging interest in the Penn Central led me to become a member of the PCRRHS, and I have maintained that membership for over 20 years. I currently serve as a Trustee, and I would appreciate your support in allowing me to continue to serve in that capacity. Thank you for your continued support!

Mark Kerlick for Trustee: I'm a lifelong fan of the Penn Central since discovering the Erie and Pittsburgh Railroad running nearby. I worked in a hobby shop during my college years at Youngstown State University. Graduated in 1981, and went to work with the Packard Electric Division of General Motors. Worked most of my career in transportation and logistics. Recently retired after 39 years. I have been an officer for a number of years and I enjoy it immensely. I respectfully ask for your vote

Gerry Schaefer for Trustee: I've served a two-year term and I'm committed to continuing to serve as an officer of the PCRRHS. I bring to the table a great deal of leadership experience in the model railroad community. I write articles and present clinics using the pseudonym Hunter Hughson. I produce the virtual RPM series Hindsight 20/20 which has, to date, held 17 events with nearly 200 clinics in total. I'm one of the editors of the PCRRHS publication Penn Central Modeler. Dozens of my model railroad product reviews and articles have been published in Railroad Model Craftsman magazine. As an officer of the PCRRHS I'm particularly interested in the project of developing a digital archive of photos and historical documents that will be easily accessible to members in order to support their model railroad and railroad history interests. I respectfully ask for the privilege of serving you for two more years.

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President: 1-year term: Dave Owens; 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 3): Mark Kerlick Larry Lawler, Gerry Schaefer or write in: _____

Mailed ballots must be received by Wednesday, September 18 or, they can be hand-delivered at the convention.