



B.O.D. ELECTIONS

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According to the By-Laws of the Mustang Club of America, election to the Board of Directors is held each September, and, the ballot for the annual election is to be bound into the September issue of *Mustang Times* which also contains the bios of those who submitted their names into nomination.

At the end of December 2009, 12 positions will become vacant on the National Board of Directors. Listed below are the names, MCA membership number, and city and state of each of the nominees for the 2010-2011 term. The term of office is two years. Each year, approximately one half of the Board of Directors' terms expire. This rotation lessens the burden on the board should all new members become elected in any one year.

Please read the bios carefully, and indicate your choice of no more than 12 candidates. Postage has been paid for you, so all you have to do is drop the completed ballot into the mail. If you choose more than 12 candidates, your ballot will become invalid. Ballots will be tabulated and totals will be certified by an independent membership services agency.

The deadline for mailing ballots is September 30, 2009. If your ballot is postmarked after that date, it will not be counted.

We sincerely thank those who submitted their name and bio for the available positions. The members of the MCA's National Board of Directors are a dedicated group of Mustang enthusiasts. They are the key to keeping the Mustang Club of America prosperous.

Every vote is important to the future of the MCA, please take this seriously. Read the bios, mark your ballot, and drop it into the mailbox. It's simple, easy, and vital!

Thank you,
The Nominating Committee



Craig M. Chesley
Tyler, TX • MCA #26318

I am a commercial real estate appraiser by trade. I also own Ssnake Oyl Products, Inc., the seat belt restoration company and manufacturer of the Fender Gripper® line of products. I have been a Mustang enthusiast since April 17, 1964. My first Mustang was a '64½ coupe, which I dearly loved and drove in high school.

My wife and I have been married 40 years. We raised two children who are both grown and on their own. My desire to serve on the Board of Directors is from a deep passion for the cars, their heritage and continuing leadership in the sporty car market. I have belonged to the MCA for 20 years and am a Gold Card Judge for 1964-'66. I have completed full restorations on five convertibles and one fastback and done a number of partial restorations. Two convertibles have won Gold Medals in Concours Trailered. I own a vintage and late-model Mustang.

My leadership experience includes being a bank president, owning an interest in restaurants, convenience stores, office/warehouse properties, as well as Ssnake Oyl. I have served as president of a Rotary Club, the local Board of Realtors, a country club, and our local Mustang Club. I am a founding member of Mustangs of East Texas and currently serve as our club's MCA regional director. I also serve on the board of directors of a local hospital.

I am the chairman of the "Pay it Forward" project sponsored by the MCA and Scott Drake Enterprises. Mustangs of East Texas is in process of restoring the car with proceeds to benefit the East Texas Crisis Center.

I pledge to dedicate the time and effort required to serve MCA and its members through its board of directors. Please support me in this endeavor.



Mike Cunningham
Lakeland, TN • MCA #30286

I have been a member of Mustangs of Memphis and the MCA since 1981. I have served Mustangs of Memphis as President, Vice President, Show Chairman, Regional MCA Director, and served on the Board for four years. With my experience in numerous leadership offices at the Regional level, I feel I am more than prepared to serve on the national level. In 1983, I helped the Mustangs of Memphis put on our first MCA National Show and it was a huge success.

In the mid-80's, I had to let my MCA membership expire for a couple of years. During that time, I realized how important the MCA is to the preservation, care, and history of the Mustang automobile and hobby. I have attended many MCA National and Grand National Shows through the years and have become more in tune with the National Club each time. Along with my Mustang club experience, in 1990 I started Classic Mustang Specialists, Inc in Memphis, TN, and served as President/CEO until selling the business in 2005 to focus on other opportunities.

I look forward to serving each and every member of the MCA by representing the best interests of the Mustang hobby.

Thank you.



Randy Cunningham
Hueytown, AL • MCA #6849

I am proud to run for the MCA National Board of Directors. I am married to Patti Cunningham. We have two children, Alex and Kaylee, both seven years

old. I have owned Mustangs since the age of 14. I still have the same passion for the Mustang as I did 30 years ago.

I joined the MCA in 1981. I am one of the 10 founding members of Magic City Mustangs. We started Magic City Mustangs in 2001 when Birmingham had no MCA regional club. Since then, our membership has grown from 10 families to more than 150 families strong today. I have served Magic City Mustangs as President for two years, Vice President for one year and Regional Director for two years. While I have not held a position on the MCA board in the past, I have served the MCA in other ways. I assisted Steve McCarley in planning MCA's 30th Anniversary Stampede at Barber Motorsports Park. I organized the "Street Party and Cruise" for the 30th Anniversary Stampede. This year, I assisted Steve Prewitt as Deputy Director for the Mustang 45th Anniversary Celebration.

While working to put together the two shows we had at Barber, I was fortunate to get to work with some great people on the BOD. I also became very interested with how the MCA operates. If elected to the board, I would like to work to increase the membership of MCA. I want to explore other sources of revenue to keep MCA financially sound for years to come. I want to help to plan more great Mustang shows like the 45th.

I am dedicated to the MCA and will be for years to come.



John M. Dettori, Jr.
Smithtown, NY - MCA #65589

I am a 30-year Wall Street veteran and IT Executive with a strong passion for the Ford Mustang. Born and raised on Long Island, NY, I have been a "dyed-in-the-wool" Ford enthusiast, devoted to the Mustang since my father bought the family's first Mustang in 1968. Five of the six vehicles I own today are Mustangs.

From child appreciator to teenage enthusiast to adult collector/restorer, I have owned, driven, restored, written about, and even raced more than 20 Mustangs. In the 1990s, following vocational courses and a garage build-

up, I began working on my own cars. I entered a Mustang in the 30th, 35th, 40th, and 45th Anniversary MCA Shows. Additionally, I am the driving force behind the first MCA National Show on Long Island, which will be held in 2012.

I have judged many local Mustang car shows. With the help of knowledgeable friends like Jeff Speegle and Pete Geisler, I focused on 1967-1968 Mustang and Shelby classes, and 1969-1970 Boss 302 Mustangs. I am currently preparing for MCA Judging certification in these areas.

In my spare time, I am a writer, and hope to start a second career as an automotive journalist. My articles—mostly about the Ford Mustang—can be found on the internet. I am currently researching a Mustang book.

I am a member of SAAC, SVOOA, SVTOA, and the Mustang Club of America. Additionally, I am an active member and 20-year veteran of the Mustang-Shelby Club of Long Island where I serve as MCA Show Chair.



Russell G. Duvall
Lakeland, TN - MCA #51332

I would like to submit my name for nomination as a member of the National Board of Directors. I have been a member of MCA since 2001 and I feel it is time to advance my knowledge of what I have learned about the Mustang automobile and my commitment to the MCA to another level.

I am 54 years of age, and a Deputy Sheriff in Memphis, TN, for 20 years, with the last 14½ assigned to the Traffic Bureau, investigating and reconstructing critical and fatal vehicle crashes; and was honored as Kiwanis Club Officer of the Year in 2007.

I bought my first Mustang in 2001, a 1970 Mach 1 it took 5 years to restore the vehicle to concours condition, I sold it in August of 2008 and bought a Shelby GT, loved the Mach 1 but love to drive the Shelby more. I joined my first Mustang Club (Mustangs of Memphis) and got involved, serving in several positions while there: 2002-2003 Board of Director, 2004-2005 Secretary, 2006 to June 2007 Vice President, June 2007

to March 2008 President, growing the membership from June 2007 to December 2007 from 48 to 82.

I am one of three founding members of Mid South Mustang Club in Memphis. I was elected President to a two-year term. Since March 2008, MSMC has grown to a total of 73 active members as of May 25, I am proud to say of these we have 21 MCA Members, which is about 25%, and this number is growing.

I am dedicated to helping MCA grow not only in members but also by promoting MCA and the Mustang automobile.



John Farmer
Bartlett, TN - MCA #68904

I respectfully request to be considered for a position on the MCA Board of Directors for the upcoming year (2010).

My passion for Mustangs started at the age of 16. My first car was a '67 GTA fastback and from that point on I was hooked! I have owned several Mustangs throughout the years including a 1970 Fastback, a 1971 Mach 1 and a 1972 Mach 1. My current Mustang is a 2007 Shelby GT500 convertible. Whether old or new, stock or modified, for show or go, I love them all!

I am passionate about all things Mustang and have been blessed by all the friends I've made as a result of the hobby! I am involved in the hobby locally and in national organizations. I am a founding member and current vice president of the Mid South Mustang Club and belong to SVTOA Memphis (past board member) as well as the MCA, SVTOA and Team Shelby. I'm on various forums under the user name MrFarndog.

The MCA is a great organization! I feel there are great things in the MCA's future and I would like to help shape that future. Not only do I have years of experience in working in clubs and other organizations, I have a background in marketing and website development, which could be very valuable to the MCA. If elected for a board position, I promise to be an active and positive contributor and work in what ever capacity is needed to further the goals of the MCA.

This is our club and its future is what we make it!



Bob Frender
Tacoma, WA • MCA #18356

Hello enthusiasts. I serve as Regional Director for Pierce County Mustang Club in Tacoma, WA. I am currently a Construction Engineer on Army projects in WA. I joined the MCA in 1987 and attended my first show that year in Cocoa Beach, FL, taking 3rd in my 1868 convertible. My first Mustang was a 1968 Highland Green GT 390 Fastback purchased in 1973. My other ponies were two other convertibles and two fastbacks. My current ride is a 2006 convertible.

My ideas and goals are simple. I believe the MCA needs differing ideologies to grow and not stagnate. Therefore, here are my concepts:

- My first interest is the Military. I have access to over 30,000 Armed Forces. Since I became the Regional Rep this year, our club has signed up new Armed Forces members including two who joined while they were still serving in Iraq. This virtually untapped source of members needs our attention.

- Another of my interests is business development. I am currently overseeing the financials for a multi-million dollar organization that helps people succeed. My background in the development phase would be putting sponsors together on a local level for local shows.

- My final point is to make the MCA Board available to all its members by holding the meetings in four different regions throughout the year. There are National Shows, but not a formal meet and greet where all the members have a chance to see the inner workings of their club. After all we are Mustang Club of America.

I strongly believe that if you have a goal, you should pursue it. I bring that desire to grow this club for all Mustang owners and to be accountable to improve MCA.

Thank you.



Christopher Hall
Revere, PA • MCA #69870

I am the youngest President of the First Pennsylvania Mustang Club. Since I became President, we have seen an increase in membership (35 new members in 2008) and an increased presence in our area. I am highly active in my community. I have been chair of the Planning Committee for my Township's Community Day for the past two years. I have been recently appointed to my Township's Planning Commission to help preserve the beautiful farm land and make sure that the history is also preserved. I have been cochair for one of the First Pennsylvania Mustang Club's yearly car shows.

I enjoy everything about the Mustang and want to see the history and love of the Mustang continued for many more generations.

I just recently attended the National Show hosted by the Heart of Carolina Mustang Club and found a new love of the Mustang. As a club we are planning on hosting a Grand National Show in the near future.

I appreciate your consideration.



Billy D. Henson
Mustang, OK • MCA #37115

Over the past three years I have been involved with the Mustang Club of America through judging. I was honored to be the first MCA member to pass the 5th Generation test and, also, was the first Gold Card Judge in the 5th Generation. Since then, I have been asked to be an Assistant National Head Judge for the Specialty Class. I also have been awarded a Gold Card in 4th Generation, and, recently, I have taken on any task assigned to me through judging.

I have been a member of the MCA since 1996.

As a member of the Oklahoma Mustang Club, I was honored to be their first official webmaster. The young man who originally created the website joined the military and gave me a 20-minute lesson on how to handle the website, without any prior experience, and, from that point on, I was on my own for the next five years.

I served as President of the Oklahoma Mustang Club for four years, and for the past two years I have been honored to be the local MCA Director for our club.

Currently, I am working with the MCA to gather and provide information for authenticity of the 2005 Mustangs to present.

What would you get with me as a board member? Commitment, honesty, and integrity are the trademarks I applied during my nine-year military, and 29-year civilian careers.

I welcome and would appreciate your vote. I believe the MCA is a great organization, with great people. I would rather attend an MCA event than a local event anytime.



Tom Hernquist
Lititz, PA • MCA #61285

I believe that I am an excellent candidate for the Mustang Club of America national board. I am an avid Mustang enthusiast and currently have five Mustangs, including 2 '69 Boss 429s and a 2007 GT/CS Mustang.

I have unique experience in general business management, marketing and not-for-profit board leadership. Over the last 25 years I worked for several large corporations such as Nabisco, PepsiCo, Kraft, Hershey, and Fortune Brands leading large marketing organizations of more than 200 people and businesses of over \$4 billion in revenue.

In my most recent position, I was the Chief Marketing Officer for The Hershey Company. Prior to that, I was President of their North American Confectionery unit. This experience will allow me to give you a unique perspective on managing the financials of MCA and bringing creative marketing solutions to increase membership and membership value.

More relevant is my experience on the board of The American Marketing Association. The AMA is a national organization with over 70 local professional chapters and over 200 collegiate chapters with about 25,000 paid members. As of July 1st, I will be Chairman of the Board and will help the CEO direct the strategic plan and the operating financials of the organization. Our mission will be to increase membership by improving the overall value proposition. This is a volunteer organization, and I have devoted significant time and energy to board meetings, conferences, and personal assistance on projects like their new website and the 2010-2012 strategic plans.

I am currently semi-retired with several consulting projects. I have the time, desire, and experience to be an active and productive board member. My goal would be to bring ideas and solutions to make the MCA an even stronger organization than it already is today.

I appreciate your consideration.



Jim Keenan
Helotes, TX • MCA #22619

I am running for a seat on the MCA Board of Directors for the next two years. I am Retired Military, lifetime member of DAV, and working on becoming a professional Parliamentarian. My background experience for this volunteer work includes at least six years that I have been an MCA Regional Director and eight years that I have served as an MCA National Director which includes two years that I was MCA's National Secretary. During my time on the National Board of Directors I worked extensively with the Regional Clubs providing liaison and support, updating the web site and continue to this day as an appointed committee member. I also work with the Bylaws/Parliamentarian committee. My commitment, if elected to the Board of Directors, is to ensure we keep stronger communications with Regional clubs and to always bring your concerns to the Board of Directors.

I always invite all MCA club representatives and any MCA members with any

concerns or questions to contact me at my e-mail address (mustangclubguy@aol.com) and I will get answers or have the appropriate person contact them with a response. That still rings true today and I humbly ask for your support in this election.

Thank you.



Kerry D. Lawrence
Long Beach, CA • MCA #64040

My wife and I own a 1965 Fastback and a 2005 GT. I used to view the MCA as a concours car owners club. I chose not to get involved, as I did not consider my Mustangs to be concours. However, I began to notice a change within the MCA. The more I talked to my friends who were MCA members the more I wanted to become involved. I joined the MCA several years ago. I would like to add my experience and education to the organization, just remember our slogan—"It's not your father's MCA."

My wife and I have been members of several California Mustang clubs and national clubs for over ten years and have recently joined the Reno, Nevada, Mustang car club. I have held numerous elected and appointed positions in the clubs. My most valuable contribution is as a member of the show committees.

I have been in education in southern California for the last 27 years, from the classroom to administrative and technical support in the field of electronics and computer science. I hold a Bachelors and Masters in my field from UCLA.

I served 22 years in the U.S. Navy on active duty and active reserve. My wife and I are both highly involved in our clubs and work well as a team.

I believe the MCA has room for everybody, from original, concours Mustangs to the Mustangs of today; for those who own a classic Mustang with safety or drivability modifications, anything that makes their Mustang more fun and enjoyable. And there is room for late-model owners who enjoy track activities. We all have one thing in common—our love for this American Icon—the Ford Mustang.

I hope you will consider me for the MCA board of directors.



Donna L. Rye
Bartlett, TN • MCA #47338

My Husband, Alan, and I have been married since high school. We have three children, two in college and one in high school. Alan's love for the Mustang inspired me to develop a deep appreciation and love for the car as well.

We've had many cars, none meant as much as the Mustang. When we bought a 1970 Mach I, we started scouring swap meets and parts locations. Alan started going to a local shop—Classic Mustang Specialist—owned by Garner Kirkendoll and Mike Cunningham. Over time we all became friends. At a Shelby meet we met Darrell Mims, current Mustangs of Memphis president. He encouraged us to join Mustangs of Memphis as well as the MCA. We did and there our story begins.

After joining the MCA, Alan decided to restore a Mustang to concours condition. We bought a 1969 Mach I, and began the search for replacement parts. After about a year of hard work, he had it ready to show.

The first MCA show we attended was in Pensacola, FL, several years ago. We entered the wrong class and did not win a trophy. However, our Mustang was photographed for a feature in *Mustang Times*. Later that year we attended the Grand National Show in NC and earned Gold; it's received Gold ever since.

We both have served as board members and officers of our club. I have served as Secretary, Vice President, and Treasurer. Currently I serve as Treasurer.

We have noticed that the MCA is being steered in a different direction. I would like to serve on this board and represent MCA membership. I do not have any agendas, I would like to be the voice for my region to help the MCA grow and prosper.





Pete Sigwardt
Katy, TX • MCA #54887

I request the support of the MCA membership in electing me to the Board of Directors. Currently, I serve as Vice President of the Mustang Club of Houston. I would now like to become a contributor to the MCA National Board. I feel that I have the experience and capabilities to assist the MCA in its efforts to better serve the membership. In particular, while serving as Vice President of the Mustang Club of Houston I have upgraded our web site www.mcoh.org, upgraded our monthly newsletter, and helped plan two major car shows per year and monthly meetings and cruise nights every month of the year.

My father was an automobile mechanic and a 40-year Ford service award recipient before he retired in 1980. I grew up working with him on all our Ford cars.

My wife Sharon and I got our first Mustangs (mine a green Bullitt '67 fastback 289, and Sharon's a 1966 red fastback 289) before 1970. Since then we have owned, and carefully cared for, 14 Mustangs. We enjoy some "unusual and rare" Mustangs in our corral including an original Vintage Burgundy 1967 HI PO 289 K-Code, a Bright Yellow 1970 "original paint" drag pack BOSS 302, and a 1970 Grabber Blue "Grabber special limited edition" which is the first Mustang Sharon and I bought after getting married in 1971. I particularly enjoy working with people to accomplish goals and strive to always make a positive contribution using my background and experience as a mechanical engineer and manager while I worked 30 years in the oil and gas industry.



Laurie V. Slawson
Tucson, AZ • MCA #32451

As a current MCA board member and original owner of a 1968 Mustang, I have enjoyed a long-term involvement in the hobby and a deeply committed interest in the continuing membership growth and financial well-being of the organization. My professional background as a business owner has given me the education and training necessary to make positive contributions to MCA and to successfully work with people of highly diverse backgrounds and viewpoints.

I have served on the board since January 2002, participating on the National Show, Judging, Regional Club Support, By-Laws, Internet, and Long-Term Planning committees. Currently, I am Chief of National Event Development and have served as National Show Committee Chairman. One of my primary goals since first being elected to the board was to increase MCA membership and opportunities for member participation in MCA activities throughout the country. To that end, I have worked with clubs to encourage them to submit applications for National shows, which to date has resulted in first-time Nationals for several clubs. If re-elected, I will continue to work to develop unique national events around the country to facilitate attendance and participation by as many of our members as possible.

My other focus is the judging process—how to improve it to benefit the membership. I also am a Gold Card judge in 1967-1968 Concours and Modified classes. Although my main experience since first joining a Mustang club in 1982 has been in concours, I also have a highly modified 1968 fastback. My work in designing and building that car has given me great insights into a totally different aspect of the hobby.

The last eight years on the board have only increased my interest and willingness to continue to work on behalf of all its members—something to which I am strongly committed.



George Valeri
Worcester, MA • MCA #55545

I joined the Mustang family in 1995 when I bought my wife a '67 Convertible with factory a/c for Mothers' Day. The Mustang required so little work and produced so much fun I bought a '71 convertible and made it into a street rod that I drive daily. Soon after, I joined the Mustang Car Club of New England and quickly discovered how being part of a Mustang club increased my total level of fun. I found, being part of this Mustang family, how diversified the types of events and members can be. When I was elected to their Board of Directors, I became part of the decision team and quickly learned to help the club prosper. In-turn, that helped the members increase their level of excitement with the club. I maintain an active membership in our club, and over the past few years started to go to MCA events. I found that there are many MCA members, much like me, who love the Mustang but also want to help to increase the level of communications between MCA and the Regional clubs. MCA need to pro actively work with the regional clubs to help them grow, which, in turn, will help the MCA grow.

As a retired trucker and now successful investor, I have the time to devote to the Mustang Club of America. I would like to complement the great job the present MCA Board is doing with my expertise and experience. My goal is to help MCA grow into a premier club with the solid financial foundation it should have.

I would appreciate your vote.



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