

# IT'S SEPTEMBER!

**W**hen September's issue becomes due, it means a bit of a change for us at *Mustang Times*. That's because it's the month the MCA holds elections. One-half of the Board of Director terms are open for election or reelection this year. The other half of the Board and the officers' elections will be held next year, as all positions are two-year terms. It's great that the Board of Director positions are divided as far as expire dates. It's a difficult job to serve on the board, and having a completely new Board of Directors every two years wouldn't be good for any organization.

Those of you who've been an MCA member for the past few years know where I'm going with my Editorial. IT'S TIME TO VOTE! Wouldn't it be wonderful if each and every member of the MCA took a few minutes to read the biographies submitted by those wonderful members who want to serve on the Board? And, wouldn't it be wonderful if each and every MCA member then took a few minutes to select 12 people from the list, and marked the ballot? And, wouldn't it be wonderful if then each and every member dropped their marked ballot into a mailbox before the deadline—September 30, 2009?

I, for one, think that would be more than wonderful. Historically, the number of members who participate in elections is so small, it's embarrassing to even disclose that percentage. I am asking that each of you help the MCA make history this year! There is so much forward movement in the MCA. We're growing, we're evolving, we're becoming more inclusive, and we want to keep the forward motion! Without your interest and participation, that forward motion won't be happening. It doesn't take any money, just a few minutes of your time to cast a vote. The return postage has been paid by the MCA. So, how difficult can it be? It's not difficult at all. This is your club and we want your input. The best way is to elect people you feel would best serve the membership. So, take a few minutes, right now, and mark the ballot and drop it in the mailbox. Please!

Another way you can give your input is by writing in to the magazine, write to the MCA office, write to any of the officers or Board members and express your opinions, comments (positive or negative), or ask questions if you have any. This is one outstanding organization, filled with awesome members. I know that all the Officers and Board members have the MCA and its members in their best interest. If they didn't, why would they spend so much of their energy working for you? That's what they do, you know? They work for you, for me, for every single member of the MCA. They want your input. They want and need to know what you're thinking. They need to know if you like something that's happening, they also need to know if you don't like something that's happening. The same goes for the *Mustang Times*. It's your magazine, not mine, not the Board's. It belongs to the membership. Its purpose is to bring you information on the happenings within the MCA and within the world of the Ford Mustang.

In trying to find ways to keep you informed, and to give you more information about our beloved Mustangs, we are implementing a new Question and Answer column—"Ask The Judges!" The intent is not to ask why you did or did not win a trophy. The intent is to ask those questions about your Mustang that have made you curious, kept you from finishing that restoration, kept you from finishing the modifications you're making. You get the idea. So, send the questions to me at:

**editor@mustang.org**

I will forward your question to the appropriate judge and we will print the question and answer in the next possible issue.

Your thoughts and comments about these ideas to provide more information for you are welcomed and appreciated.

One last word from me this month: **VOTE!** (The ballot is bound between pages 18 and 19.)

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