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AT-LARGE NORTH AMERICAN DIRECTOR

I joined the NMRA while in high school in 1972 as a member of a 100% NMRA club and became a Life Member in 1984. I have served as Secretary, Superintendent and AP Chair for the Central Ontario Division of the Niagara Frontier Region. I was also on the AP Steering Committee under the direction of Peter Moffett, MMR. I organized the OPSIG operating sessions for the NMRA Maple Leaf 2003 national convention in Toronto.

I currently hold AP Certificates for Chief Dispatcher, Association Volunteer, Association Official and Author. I am working on certificates for Motive Power, Cars and Structures.

I am a professional engineer and in April 2021 I retired as part owner and vice-president of a groundwater engineering service company that employs 25 people and has annual sales in the \$5 million range. I have served terms as President and Vice-president of my local, nonprofit, charitable status nature club.

I am running for the position of At-Large North American Director because I have always been a strong supporter of the NMRA and I believe the changes made since Gordy Robinson was elected President have been very positive. The current executive has a strong vision for the future of the NMRA and bringing the NMRA into the age of electronic interaction has made it possible for members around the world to interact with others and make new friendships, and those friendships you make is one of the biggest features of the NMRA.

I believe the biggest challenges we are facing is the combination of increasing the number of members while retaining current members and supporting the success of local divisions and regions. I support enhancing the member benefits and ways of working at national level, however, it is equally as important for the board to maintain existing member programs and benefits so long as they continued to be used. I look forward to working with others developing new ideas to do such. I also think that some of the current programs offered by the NMRA are in need of review as they are dated in some areas.

If I am elected to the NMRA Board I will work hard to make the NMRA a better organization for all members and I ask for your support.