

## **2017 TMRR Board of Director candidate statements:**

### **Danny Chamrad**

I live in Victoria, Texas and commute 2174 miles to TMRR to attend the train meets. I try to make all meets that is feasible and usually only miss the "Snow Meet" after the first of the year and the Fall Colors Meet. I graduated from high school and attended college for 3+ years until I joined the Marine Corps in 1972. My Marine Corps training was as a Tactical Air Operations Center computer technician. After leaving the Marine Corps in 1976, I worked in Victoria as a computer technician for a local computer firm until I was hired by Union Carbide to work at a Chemical and Plastic Production facility near Victoria. I worked at that plant, which was purchased by The DOW Chemical Company in 2001, for 27 years until I retired in 2014. Prior to that I worked in various positions in the labor market, the oil field on drilling rigs, and computer electronics field as a computer technician.

My first trip to TMRR was in 2015 for the Spring Awakening Meet, at which time, Mr. Frank Bartholomew introduced me to the art of raking pine needles. I believe in the following years that I have become a Semi-Pro in pine needle raking and developed a way to insert a tarp in the pine needle car to make dumping the car easier. I was able to be at TMRR for the 2015 Triennial where I worked the entire meet down at the South Meadow in the Staging Crew. Since my time at TMRR, I have been fortunate to learn operations in the Track Shop, track repair operations with the track gurus Charlie Bill and Dennis, and track installations during the Big Build Meets. I have worked on the "new" container wiring crew, wood tie-aluminum rail replacing crew, and the "We-Otta" operations at TMRR. I was the 2017 Narrow Gauge Meet Coordinator, and have volunteered to be a co-coordinator for the 2018 Triennial.

During my last 9 years at The DOW Chemical Company, I was the C-Shift Incident Commander which entailed being the emergency response commander for the Fire Squad, Medical Emergencies Squad, Spill Response Team, and Security Emergencies Team. I was responsible for coordinating the tactic and personnel for these emergencies. I had to work with an all-volunteer group which required a different approach to coaching people to do things that needed to be done. As the Plant Incident Commander, I was also the Person-in-Charge after hours, holidays, and weekends. I was the Person-in-Charge during these times if Federal Agency personnel showed up at the plant and wanted to enter, or if the Coast Guard showed up and wanted to inspect our Barge Docks. I think this experience will help me to be an asset to the BOD at TMRR.

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### **John Cooper**

I am interested in running for the open TM Board position.

I have been involved with Train Mountain since 2002, when I moved to Klamath Falls. My initial involvement was with the Klamath and Western Railroad, where I would come each weekend to help give rides to the public. My young boys came too and their highlight was putting the trains away at the end of the day. In 2007 I was elected to the Klamath and Western board and was the treasurer until 2009.

The focus of my volunteer efforts at Train Mountain proper has been on the CTC signal systems and other electronics. Initially I finished projects that had been started by others, such as KW junction, Grand Jct., and the Long Tunnel. Then with the help of many others, signal projects have expanded to Central Station, Dogwalk, Blue Caboose and northward from Farmersville. These systems are visible from the internet and are tied in with the webcams for the enjoyment of all.

My interest in trains came from my father, who worked for the Pennsylvania, Penn Central, and Conrail all of his life. Growing up along the Northeast Corridor, I don't enjoy playing trains as much as I prefer playing railroad. The Operations Meet is always my favorite and I have been involved with the organization of that meet for several years. I enjoy operating the tower and helping the dispatch center. For the last two triennials I have been the chair of the committees responsible for keeping traffic flowing through Central Station, including the big parade.

I grew up in suburban Philadelphia and went to college at Princeton. My degree is in electrical engineering and I worked at Microsoft for twelve years as a computer design engineer. In 2002, I moved to Klamath Falls to pursue a career in education. I am currently the only high school math teacher at a small private school. I have been married 24 years and have five children, one of which is out of the house. I consider it a privilege that my family has been able to be involved with TM. Not only has it been a wonderful hobby outlet for me, but my children have learned so much being around other members, whether it be war stories, technical knowledge, or just interacting with a different generation.

Thank you for your consideration,

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## **Bill Dwyer**

I believe that I am qualified to serve as a BOD Member At Large and I am not opposed to serving as Secretary also if the need arises although there are 2 or 3 other BOD Members also available to serve in that Office.

As additional information I have been a TM Member since 2005, this is my 13th year, and I have attended almost every Meet and Work Week during that time.

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## **Pamela J. Williams**

### ***TMRR Meet attendance and volunteerism:***

**2015** - All meets except August due to Illness

2015 Triennial **Chairman** – Pre-Registration Committee (**Orientation Packets**)

Volunteered for Committees: **Security, Van Transport & Registration**

**2016** - Attended all but 2 meets

**2017** – Attended all meets to date including Kitsap Work Week in April

- Recently participated in an On-line Non-Profit Fundraising Techniques Course at the request of TMI President, Jerry Crane
- Proposed we begin Museum Train Tours as is now being done. (fee-based though).
- Created the TMI Mission Statement on the TMI “About Us” webpage.
- Promoting TMRR Museum Renovations and Improvement projects with a Booster Club using emails supplied by Visitors.
- Implementing Community Outreach by regularly contacting Klamath Falls businesses to talk about the Museum and Train Park.
- Working with Chris Donhost and Jerry Crane to begin TMRR Facebook Fundraising campaigns.

**I am detail-oriented, not intimidated by difficult projects and approach new tasks with enthusiasm. I have served on numerous Volunteer Organizations’ Boards in many capacities. Volunteering has been an integral part of my adult life.**

**I have excellent computer skills in Word, Excel, Publisher, PowerPoint and Skype. I am comfortable with the Windows 10 Operating System as well as an I-Pad and Apple technology. I access my Email several times a day and utilize 4 email accounts.**

### ***Work Experience and Credentials:***

25 years experience Interior Design specializing in Kitchen and Baths:

- Cabinet Sales Representative; WA & OR territory 2009 - 2010
- Design Coordinator, Kitchen and Bath Design, Tacoma WA 2006 - 2009
- Design Department Manager, Linn’s Kitchens & Baths, Fort Walton Beach, FL 2002 – 2005

8 years experience in Purchasing and Materials Management

- Associates of Interior Design, Highline CC (1979)

Purchasing Management Certification (1976)