



## Rolls-Royce Owners' Club Biographies & Objectives of Candidates Running for Office 2021-2022

### David Berndt



Having admired Proper Motor Cars while in high school, I never knew the RROC National Headquarters was just downtown, near the Susquehanna River and the Governor's Mansion. Having joined RROC in 1974, I was one of few volunteers in the building waiting for the second flood to hit, as it had in 1972. This is when I met Martin and Virginia Forrer, two dedicated members. From that point on, I started a long quest learning more about my dream car. My Club involvement includes being the

Stores Manager (1983); first managing Director for the Foundation; Life Member (1989); organized the 1996 MCS Tour; 6 term Region Chairman (FL); traveled to Crewe; BDC Regional Chair, and a Trademark Licensee for RRMC (1979) and currently Chairman of Regions and Societies. I am a member of LCOC and AACA. It is my desire to bring more new owners to the Club, while also preserving the interest of our older members who may not be able to attend our functions. We must continue to preserve the past by keeping our Club stability for the older members, while creating excitement for the next generation of caretakers of our cars and the RROC.

### Joel Cutler



In the 1980's I joined the RROC National and have been a member of 2 regions in Southern California. The So. Cal Region (also as a Director) and the San Diego/Palm Springs Region. I am now a LIFE Member of National as well. Autos have been a great source of enjoyment and interest in my life. There have been Pre-War and Post-

War PMC's in my garages. I was a member of the Derby Bentley Society and now The Modern Car Society. I have participated in many National Meets, National Tours and National Business Meetings. There have been many local meets that I have planned and or hosted through the years. It would be my honor to represent you on the National Board of RROC. I also belong to CCCA in Southern California and the Palm Springs/San Diego Regions serving on the Board of Directors for the latter region. There are wonderful friends I have made through the years in the club and they are a great source of help and information for our Hobby. For that I am very grateful. My professional background has been in the Hospitality Industry and I am retired now living in a Resort Town, Palm Springs. Thank you for your consideration!

### Ralph Curzon



I have been an active member of the RROC for 44 years. My passion and career is with the preservation and restoration of RR/B cars. My apprenticeship began at Hadley Green Garages in the UK and finished with Rolls-Royce Inc. at Hythe Road before moving to Canada in the late 1960's. I opened my own RR/B garage in the mid-1970s, Hyphen Repairs, Inc. with my brother Tony. I have been married for 47 years to my wife, Jane, and have two children and 4 beautiful grandchildren. In 2008 I relocated to St. Louis, MO, and I am now retired. I have performed a number of roles during my tenure on Regional and National RROC boards.

On a Regional level, I have served as Technical Chair, 6 years as Chairman of the Upper Canada Region and am currently the Technical Chair of the Mid-America Region. In 1992 I co-chaired the Annual Meet in Ottawa, Canada. On the National RROC level I have served as Post-War Director from 1997-2001, Team Captain with the judging program in 1991, Chief Judge from 2001-2007, and Activities Director from 2007-2008. Some of my accomplishments as Chief Judge include standardizing the judging forms and assisting with the current computer program that has streamlined and standardized the scoring and awards process. I would be pleased to serve again on the RROC Board to assist in navigating our car club through the digital age and to offer my expertise in an advisory capacity with planning future National RROC events.

### Gil Fuqua



I joined the RROC while in college and have grown up with the Club. I have been engaged in the Club across a wide variety of areas, from participating in Tours, Technical Seminars and National Meets, to serving in a number of leadership roles, including the Club's President. I currently serve as the Treasurer for the RROC, putting to work my MBA and CPA certification. My interest in serving on the Board is to leverage my extensive knowledge of the Club's operations, finances, and corporate governance to enhance member support and member benefits, continue investing in *The Flying Lady* magazine, and expand the club's technical information about Rolls-Royce and Bentley cars. If elected a director of the RROC, I would continue to focus our Club's resources on expanding member services and benefits. I am a Life Member of the RROC, and I own a Silver Ghost, 20/25 and a Silver Cloud.

## R. Kelly Kyle



I am honored to be considered by the membership of the RROC for a seat on the Board of Directors. I accomplished a lifelong goal in 2003 when I purchased my first Rolls-Royce, a 1981 Corniche drophead, which was soon followed by a 1954 Silver Dawn saloon, and another 1987 Corniche drophead. I have also owned a 1994 Bentley Brooklands, and a 1988 Mulsanne, which I still have along with the Silver Dawn.

I have been a member of RROC since 2003, have attended numerous Annual Meets, beginning with the Rolls-Royce Centennial meet in Monterey in 2004, and I was part of the hosting committee for the 2009 New Orleans Meet. My spouse Hal and I planned and hosted the 2010 and 2018 Natchez Trace tours, drawing participants from all parts of the country. We have taken part in many other tours, including ones in Texas, Michigan, the Blue Ridge, and closer to home. On a Regional level, I have served as Chairman, Vice-Chair, Activity Director, and Publications Chair for the Southern Delta Region. I also belong to the Southeast Region and the Texas Region, and am a founding member of the Aloha Region. I belong to the Modern Car Society, the Silver Cloud Society, and am a charter member of the Early Post War Society. A practicing attorney for twenty-nine years, I have also served on the RROC Legal Committee. If elected, I promise to always listen to the membership, work with my fellow members to find ways to grow the Club and provide more value to our members. I thank you for your consideration.

## Ronny Shaver



Greetings fellow Rolls-Royce and Bentley enthusiasts! I have had the privilege to work on these automobiles for nearly 40 years as a professional and currently own Ronny's Garage (specializing in Rolls-Royce and Bentley automobiles). During that time, I have grown to love these cars and the eclectic mix of owners. My contributions to the Club

include serving as a National Board member, judging at multiple National Meets, hosting an annual Judging Meet and as a member of the RROC National Technical Committee. I have also served two terms as a Board director for the Southern California Region and been the technical advisor since 2008. My duties as RROC SoCal technical advisor have included writing many articles in our region's monthly newsletter and conducting monthly technical seminars for our region's members. During these seminars, fellow member, Steve Power-Fardy has been videotaping and posting many of the informational seminars on You-tube to help share technical knowledge to members and hopefully new members worldwide. My goal, if elected as an RROC National Board Director, is to continue fueling passion for these incredible automobiles and encouraging participation whether it be in Concours, technical or social events.

## John Sweney



I am pleased, if re-elected, to continue to serve the Club on the board and as your Chair of the Communications Committee. In the last two years, we have a) engaged a new editor/designer for The Flying Lady; b) refocused the publication's content on the Club, its members, and its members' cars; c) increased participation in the helpful and friendly online Club Forum; d) published the

useful Club Directory and Register; and e) continued to work on fundamental updates to the Club website and related functions. These activities leverage a bit of my own experience in corporate marketing and communications and as CEO of a staffing and recruiting firm in Houston. My experience on the board since 2017 continues to reinforce my belief that RROC is by far the best car club in North America. RROC folks are congenial, collaborative, helpful and diverse. I would be honored to represent you on our board for another term and to explore how we can advance the Club together.

## Marilyn Turner



My involvement in the RROC began at the age of sixteen at the National Meet in Dearborn, Michigan. As part of The Upper Canada Region, my family attended events in my parents (Margaret and Stuart Webb), Phantom III and Silver Wraith. Our Canadian contingent participated in the 1980 Low Country Tour, sparking my interest at the National level. I have served The Upper Canada Region as Activities Chair, Co-Chairperson and Membership Chair. I have planned Fall Runs,

Awards Banquets, AGM's, and written articles for our "Canadian Lady" newsletter. In 2007 my husband Gary and I began our first foray into PMC ownership buying a 1972 Silver Shadow. Together we have attended National Meets in Toronto, Seven Springs, Asheville, French Lick, Lake Tahoe, and Detroit and are both members of the Judging and Awards Committee. I am currently serving on the Board of Directors of the RROC as Membership Chair and would appreciate your support as I continue to focus on new member recruitment, retention of our loyal RROC members and the changing needs of our membership throughout these unusual times. Looking forward to being together at a Club event soon.