

2022 BMPOA Annual Meeting Notice & Board Candidates for Election

Hello members of Blue Mountain POA! It is that time of year again, time for our Annual Meeting and time to vote! Please mark your calendars for our upcoming Annual Meeting on Sunday, August 21, 2022! This meeting will take place at our lodge, located at 540 Cliff Rd, Linden VA 22642. We will be having hot dogs and hamburgers cooked on the grill beginning at 12noon and meeting promptly starting at 1pm. If you plan to attend, please email our secretary Senie at (senie.byrne@gmail.com) if you plan to attend or please visit our community Facebook page (Blue Mountain POA) to rsvp on the annual meeting poll. This is so we may as get an accurate headcount for food! Feel free to bring a side dish, chips, non-alcoholic beverages, or a dessert to share though you are not obligated to do so!

Please read below about new candidates running for election as well as our current board members who are running for re-election. You will also have the opportunity to write in a name of your choosing for each position on the ballot! Please make sure to attend the meeting to cast your vote, drop off your ballot to the secretary Senie Byrne or mail in your proxy and or ballot. If you are not attending but will be voting, please note that ALL proxies and ballots MUST BE RECEIVED by August 20, 2022. NO EXCEPTIONS! As the election will take place Sunday, August 21,2022 and all ballots will be tallied at the conclusion of the election.

Positions available for election and or re-election are as follows: *President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer and 2 Director at Large positions. Some of these are open due to resignations received from Jim Cook (former 1st VP) and Sean Pond (Director at Large). Greg Young (former President) chose to withdraw his name from re-election in early July and resigned effective immediately on July 31st.*

Running for President: Joseph Giordano. *Please read the bio he submitted to the board below.*

I am a former professional Motocross racer, and now a 9-year resident of the BMPOA. Currently, I serve as Vice President of the Mid-Atlantic Division for the McLane Company (a \$50 billion/year subsidiary of Berkshire-Hathaway) and am a graduate student at Georgetown University's McDonough School of Business. In regard to non-profit work, I have previously served as President of the Massanutten Archery Club, based in Bentonville, VA. A sample of some things I hope to accomplish as Board President –

- 1. Modernization of our covenants – these are outdated, and need to be brought up to current times*
- 2. Increase membership participation – member turn out is minimal at best, we need to better engage the residents of this community*
- 3. Improve/re-open some of our former amenities*
- 4. Modernize and re-evaluate the community lodge and determine ways with community input about how to better utilize this potentially very profitable resource.*

I look forward to answering any questions you may have for me!

Running for 1st Vice President: Patrick Poole. *Please read the bio he submitted to the board below.*

I am originally from VA. and have lived in the Northern area and in southern VA in a place called Danville. At 17 I joined the Marine Corps. Went to some places and did some things. At 21 I left the Marines and moved to Manassas. I lived there for about 8 years before moving to the mountain. I enjoyed a career as an electrical engineer. I left that and became a stay-at-home dad about a year ago to spend more time with my sons. I'm not really political but do agree with some points from both sides. I want to be 1st VP to help improve the community and tow the non-political line. In this day and age everything seems to become political in some sense. Being neighbors shouldn't be political. Helping the community shouldn't be political. I'd like to help make sure that we keep from doing that. I believe in freedom and free will all day long. But we should always keep our neighbors in mind as a common courtesy when we do things. One of the main things I would also like to do is start an elderly and disabled checkup/check on group. Last year an elderly lady was without power in the snow for 2 weeks. Her REC alert system didn't work or was missed by

rec. So, whether by private msg, email, text, or call we can help keep an eye on our most vulnerable. Even drive by or stop by when plowing. Things like that I think will make the mountain better. I also live right by the lake so I can help monitor and provide security for late night people that shouldn't be there. Lastly, I want to keep the mountain the beautiful, peaceful, free haven that it is. Not necessarily by rule or decree but by trying to set the example of being neighborly. Thank you, Pat

Running for Re-election as 2nd Vice President: Jonathan Morrison. Current 2nd Vice President and Chair of Recreation committee. He did not submit a bio or any content to the board or nominating committee for his re-election.

Running for Re-election as Treasurer: Mike Veasey. Current Treasurer. He did not submit a bio or any content to the board or nominating committee for his re-election.

Running for Re-election as a Director at Large: David Cook. Current Director at Large. David works from home and enjoys spending his free time outdoors and with his Wife, daughters, and son. He You may have seen David on your road doing improvements, maintenance or removing snow/plowing. Due to his work schedule, David is often available to help out wherever needed and does so many things beyond just the roads. David was also on the board a previous time many years ago but had to take a break due to his work schedule. He has since returned and served out a two-year term. David is seeking re-election of his current role for another 2-year term and also intends to remain on our roads committee and helping out where he is needed. David also has some ideas of how to improve our recreation area and other amenities that he plans to present to the board should he be re-elected.

Running for Director at Large: Patrick Patton. *Please read the bio he submitted to the board below.*

1976 Graduated from High School, 1976-1996 U.S. Army Food Service Specialist, Dining Facility Manager (DFM) (relates to civilian Restaurant Manager), U.S. Army Food Management Assistance Team (FMAT), and U.S. Army First Sergeant. During this time, I won the Best Dining Facility in the U.S. Army 2 times: once as a cook and once as the DFM. 1992 Received Associates Degree in Hotel Restaurant Management, 1994 Received Bachelor's Degree in Computer Information Systems from St. Leo College, 1996 Retired Army First Sergeant. Prior to my retirement I was awarded numerous medals. The highest is the Army Distinguished Service Medal. This is the third highest award in DoD. 1996-2004 Senior Network Systems Engineer for major Financial Securities company which is now Wells Fargo Securities. 2004-2007 Department of Defense (DOD) Defense Travel System Trainer for all DoD. 2006-2007 Part of BMPOA Covenants Committee. 2007-2014 DOD Travel Accounting Manager for U.S. Air Forces Europe (USAFE) 2014-2016 DOD Travel Accounting Manager for U.S. Air Force Scott Air Force Base, Illinois 2016-2019 DOD Travel Accounting Manager for Entire U.S. Air Force. 2019 Retired from DoD receiving the Air Force Meritorious Civilian Service Award which is the fourth-highest award granted to civilian personnel by the United States Department of the Air Force. 2019-2021 Home Care for my father in Ohio. He passed away in September 2021 to Present Enjoying retirement and completing numerous Honey Do's for my wife. I am also part of the BMPOA Architect Review Committee. All positions I've held required leadership, respect for others, excellent communication skills, and the capability to assist others in need. I am also currently the Warden for the Knights of Columbus (KofC)_Catholic Men's organization Council at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Front Royal;

VA. Warden duties include setting up meetings I've been a member of the KofC World Wide since 2010 holding numerous positions including Grand Knight which is similar to the BMPOA President position.