

# TCA 2021-2022 NATIONAL ELECTION

1. Review the résumés and Bylaws Amendments presented in these pages.
2. Find the ballot on page 40. **Fill in your name and your TCA number.**
3. Vote by placing an "X" in the box next to your chosen candidate's name and/or by writing in a member's full name in the write-in blank provided. **Vote for only one candidate in each position.**
4. Vote for or against each Bylaws proposal by placing an "X" in the box before "Yes" or an "X" in the box before "No."
5. Cut the ballot on the dotted line, fold it, and insert it into an envelope.
6. **Affix 55¢ postage** and mail the ballot to:
 

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7. Ballots must be postmarked on or before **March 31, 2021.**
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### Secretary

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### Treasurer

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### IMPORTANT NOTICE

This ballot was mailed to every TCA Member. **However, members who have opted to vote online may ONLY vote online.** If you have chosen to vote online, you will receive instructions on **March 1.** If you have NOT opted to vote online, you can ONLY vote by mail. Voting preference are locked until after this year's election process has completed in early April.



**PRESIDENT-ELECT | Jay Zschau, HE75-7858 • 1910 Saddle Hill Rd, Dunedin, FL 34698 • SOUTHERN DIVISION**

#### TCA National Experience

- National Vice President, 2020–Present
- Heritage Member
- Executive Committee Member
- Board of Directors
- Chairman, TCA Endowment Committee, working to ensure TCA's future, 2016–Present
- Chairman, TCA Marketing Committee, working to increase & retain membership, 2016–Present
- 2019 TCA B.O.D. Southern Division Alternate
- Voting member, TCA Strategic Planning Committee

- TCA Standards Committee, serving members with respect to standards issues, 2016–Present
- Authored numerous articles in the *National Headquarters News* regarding Endowments and also how to increase membership
- Developed and revised Endowment Fund Handbook, 2016–Present
- Developed Strategic Marketing Plan for 2021–2022
- Member, TCA Special Opportunity Committee, 2018–2020

#### TCA Division Experience

- Acting President, Southern Division, 2016–2020
- Vice President, Southern Division, 2016–2020
- Chair, Southern Division Membership and Bylaws Committees, 2016–Present
- Co-Chair, Strategic Planning Conference, 2018–2020
- Distinguished Service Award Recipient 2019, for service to the Toy Train Hobby, the Southern Division, and the National TCA
- Member, METCA and Midwest Divisions

#### Background

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Juris Doctor, University of Illinois; Master of Laws, UIC John Marshall Law School; Served 30 years in U. S. Naval Reserve, retired as Captain; National Vice President, Law for Naval Reserve Association; Chair, Presiding Officer, and Member of numerous state and local Bar Associations; Pennington, P.A. Law Firm, Florida; Executive Committee; President of previous law firm (1979–1991); Past President, Florida Council of Bar Association Presidents and the Clearwater Bar Association; VP and General Counsel NYSE traded corporation; member of Board and Chairman of major title Insurance Co; Married with 4 daughters and 11 grandchildren.

#### TCA Goals

As President-Elect, I will: ❶ Continue to strengthen TCA by focusing on current members to involve them in activities and programs that will benefit them and TCA; ❷ Seek to increase the "TCA experience" for each member through website improvements and membership-development programs that interface with National TCA social media programs; ❸ Encourage and expand membership-enhancement programs to add those toy train operators and collectors who have not yet decided to join the world's largest, best, and friendliest train collectors' organization; ❹ Develop and enhance member-related programs to encourage their families to continue in the hobby; ❺ Continue to seek to secure TCA's future by encouraging contributions to and the development of the Endowment Fund; ❻ Focus on providing services to divisions and chapters to enable them to accomplish these and other mutually agreed-upon goals.



**TCA National Experience**

- TCA Member since 1998
- Member, TCA National BoD, 2016–Present
- Chairman, National Kids Club Committee, 2017–2019
- Member, National Executive Committee, 2020–Present
- Various functions, 2015 TCA National Convention Committee

**TCA Division Experience**

- METCA President, 2016–Present
- METCA Vice President, 2014–2016
- METCA Director, 2005–2010
- Manned METCA Marketing & Recruitment table at various train shows in METCA territory
- Chairman, METCA Garfield Shows, September 2007 through January 2010

**Background**

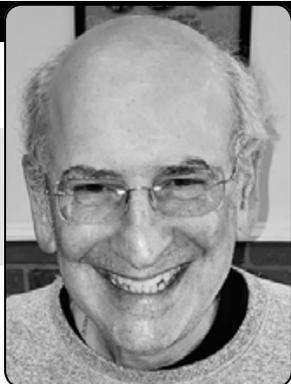
**Education:** Fairleigh Dickenson University & Edward Williams College, Associates Degree, 1986

**Work Experience:** New Jersey Transit, Hoboken Terminal Yardmaster, 2003–Present; NJT Locomotive Engineer, 12/96–2003; NYS & W Railway, Locomotive Engineer, 9/93–12/96

**Organizations:** US Coast Guard, 1990–1998 (Honorable Discharge); Battalion Chief, Rochelle Park Volunteer Fire Department, 1984–2002; Assistant Scout Master, Boy Scouts of America Troop 114, 1975–1986; Eagle Scout, 1982; Director, Northeast Region Scout Museum, 2018–Present; Somerset County 4H, 2017–Present

**TCA Goals**

Looking for alternate sources of income to help with our budget is especially important. I would continue to support and look for ways to streamline the organization and eliminate bureaucratic red tape that slows our organization down. Due to our drop in membership its is imperative that we find programs for alternate sources. I will continue to support activities and programs that keep TCA relevant in the hobby and support activities that keep members in the TCA. TCA has two sides of this incredible hobby, the business side, and the hobby side. As much as the national level is more business, I believe it still must support divisions to promote TCA in the hobby. I look forward to continuing to serve TCA as a national officer. Thank you.



**TCA National Experience**

- National Board of Directors, 1999–2001
- Co-Chairman, TCA National Convention, 2021
- Treasurer, TCA National Convention, 2003

**TCA Division Experience**

- President, Western Division, 1999–2001
- Vice President, Western Division, 1997–1998
- Treasurer, Western Division, 2005–2006
- Director, Western Division, 2004, 2006–Present
- Webmaster, Western Division, 1997–Present
- Newsletter Editor, Western Division, 1999–2001, 2003–2005

**Background**

**Work Experience:** Before retirement in 2016, I was a senior-level technologist with over 30 years of information technology systems experience in the entertainment industry with fortune 500 entities. Providing leadership and consulting expertise within the entertainment industry's preeminent creators and distributors of feature films, television programs, animation, video and DVD, including major content producers Universal Studios, DreamWorks SKG Studios, the National Broadcasting Company (NBC) Television Network, Warner Bros. Entertainment Inc., DirecTV Satellite Broadcasting, and CBS Television Network.

In 2007, I tested the waters of the dotcom startup world, serving as the Chief Technology Officer (CTO) at Indieroad.net, a groundbreaking Internet based e-commerce entity that supplied and distributed digital media and content, in the form of independent films.

I am a transplant from the east coast, having been born and raised in Florida but residing in Southern California since 1981, with my wife Cheryl.

**Education:** I graduated with honors from the University of Miami with an Arts & Sciences bachelor's degree in 1980 awarded from the School of Communications, majoring in Cinematography with a minor in Drama.

**TCA Goals**

I have recently been invited to the TCA Governance Committee meetings to participate in the development of a strategy for TCA to streamline its operations and management hierarchy so that the work load and decision making processes at the national level can run smoothly and be less costly to the membership. I believe that each and every member of this organization has the right to continue to enjoy the pursuit of this entertaining hobby that we all enjoy so much, without the constant need to be submitted to reductions in membership benefits or increases in annual membership dues.

While TCA's National Board of Directors and management team must remain fiscally responsible in managing the existing financial resources, there also needs to be a balance maintained in the level of programs and services offered to the membership. Without proper consideration to providing the services that the members expect, there would be no membership, and everyone would go elsewhere to obtain these services. I will work hard alongside the rest of the elected board and management team to develop and institute new programs within TCA that will both allow the organization to maintain its current membership levels as well as attract new members.

This organization was founded on some basic principles, when the small group of collectors got together in 1954 and shared their train collections and ideas for forming a club of like-minded hobbyists. This foundation needs to be cherished and retained, as it is primary to the name, but at the same time, the foundations can be built upon substantially, by embracing the changes in technology, and the appetites for newer, more scale-like operating of model trains. My vision and goals for TCA would encompass maintaining that middle ground while finding that higher ground, and working hard to develop and execute the plan to achieve greater success for this organization. Most importantly, I would emphasize to all members the requirement to have fun! Just as we did when we received our first toy train so many years ago!



**TCA National Experience**

- National Secretary, 2020–Present
- National President, 2014–2015
- National President-Elect, 2013–2014
- National Vice President, 2012–2013
- Member, Strategic Planning Committee, 2018–Present
- Member, Standards Committee, 2006–2009
- National Board of Directors, 2006–2009

**TCA Division Experience**

- President, Desert Division, 2006–2009
- Vice President, Desert Division, 2002–2005
- Director, Desert Division, 2000–2001

**Background**

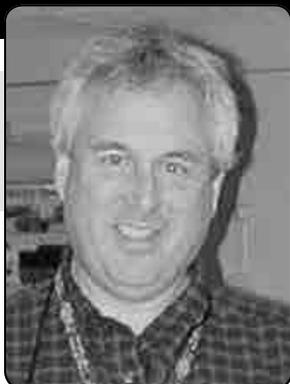
**Education:** AA in Business, Erie Community College, 1972; BS in Business Education, Buffalo State College, 1974; MA in Human Resources & Development, Ottawa University, 1995

**Civic Involvement:** Elected School Board member, 1994–1997; Volunteered with American Red Cross, 2001–2017; Committee chair for All Arizona School Retirees Association (AASRA), 2000–Present; Co-Treasurer, AASRA, 2019–Present; Unit Treasurer, AASRA, 2012–Present

**Career:** In my 27-plus-year teaching career in both Western New York and in Arizona, I have been a Business and Secretarial Science teacher and a Mathematics teacher. I owned and operated my own business for five years. I have worked as a medical and legal secretary for three businesses, and currently serve as the secretary for my local Department 56 Club.

**TCA Goals**

The position of secretary requires one be efficient, confidential, and an accurate recorder who is cognizant of the deadlines involved. I will honor this position and fulfill the requirements of the job. I will promote the toy train hobby as well as the TCA Mission Statement. I appreciate your time and effort to review my qualifications and would certainly appreciate your vote.



**TCA National Experience**

- TCA National Treasurer, October 2012–June 2015
- Editor, TCA's Online magazine (*TCA e\*Train*), 2001–2015

**Background**

**Education:** I have a B.S. in Accounting from Hunter College in the Bronx, N.Y.

**Career:** For 8 years I worked with a C.P.A. firm handling general accounting and preparing tax returns for both individuals and businesses. In 1984, at age 30, I started my own accounting practice on Wall Street. I also served as the C.F.O. and Comptroller responsible for the accounting, business administration, tax filings, and budget control of the Wall Street Discount Corp., a domestic brokerage firm.

Professionally, I have dealt primarily in the securities business, being the “FINOP” (Financial and Operations Principal) for other Wall Street stock brokerage houses, such as a woman-owned minority international brokerage house. As such, I was responsible for the SEC and FINRA record-keeping and reporting requirements of Broker-Dealers. Most recently, I was the report preparer for a \$2 Billion Hedge Fund and Family Office. I was previously on the Board of Trustees of RMLI (Railroad Museum of Long Island) and one of the founders of LITTLE (Long Island Toy Train Locomotive Engineers), who did fundraisers for RMLI in order to acquire and move the Lionel Visitors Center layout to Long Island.

**TCA Goals**

Having held this position previously, I have more than a familiarity with the events and happenings of this Organization. As such, I have the skills, experience and expertise to handle this specific position and hit the ground running.

I plan to develop new financial systems safeguarding financial integrity, to prepare workable budgets, to manage funds soundly and to demonstrate accountability and transparency to the Officers, Board of Directors, and membership.

Membership retention is a primary focus, and it is time to actively launch more of these programs. I will investigate and suggest to the Board any and all methods to accomplish this goal through future plans and events. It is easier to keep a member than it is to sign a new one, so retention is the place to start.

Preparing an effective budget starts with asking Committee Heads to estimate what they will need and to provide specific proposals for financing it. Cost and revenue estimates need to be reasonable and attainable. All board members share equal responsibility for the financial health of our Organization.

▶ **Please read the information below and vote in the attached ballot** ◀

## TCA BYLAWS AMENDMENT 1

▶ *Amendment 1 covers the Standing Committees listing in the Bylaws by deleting the individual committee listing and replacing it with a statement referring to the detailed committee list in the Rules and Regulations, Section 1, Standing Committees.*

### **Article XII. Committees**

#### **Section 1, Standing Committees**

The Association shall have Standing Committees as outlined in the Rules and Regulations.

**RATIONALE:** The Standing Committees are listed in Rules and Regulations Section 1100. Listing them again in the Bylaws is duplicative. Currently, changing Standing Committees in the Bylaws requires a vote by the whole TCA membership. This is unnecessarily burdensome. Listing the Actual Standing Committees only in the Rules and Regulations will allow for more efficient operations since the Board of Directors can vote to revise the list as necessary, without the need for a total membership vote.

**COST IMPACT:** The only cost impact will be for the cost related to the ballot process.

## TCA BYLAWS AMENDMENT 2

▶ *Amendment 2 covers member dues, now payable annually per Rules and Regulations; This Amendment allows members to pay for more than one year at a time per Rules and Regulations schedules.*

### **Article XI. Funds and Finances, Section 2**

Members Dues shall be payable per Rules and Regulations schedule in advance.

**RATIONALE:** This change is required to allow members to pay dues for three or five years in advance to take advantage of multi-year discounts.

**COST IMPACT:** The only cost impact will be the cost related to the ballot process and the cost savings to the membership due to the ability to pay discounted dues in three- or five-year increments.

## TCA BYLAWS AMENDMENT 3

▶ *Amendment 3 covers the type of meetings of the Board of Directors, from telephone conference calls to electronic, and would give the Board of Directors the ability to meet either in person, by telephone, or by other electronic means.*

### **Article IV. Board of Directors**

#### **Section 5, Board of Directors meetings**

**B.** Board of Directors meetings may take place electronically. Notification and Quorum requirements for electronic meetings are as stated in Article IV, Section 5 A.

**RATIONALE:** To give the Board of Directors the authority to meet using other electronic technology, such as Zoom, in addition to telephone conference calls.

**COST IMPACT:** The only cost impact will be the cost related to the ballot process and the cost of Zoom or other electronic means if any.

## TCA BYLAWS AMENDMENT 4

▶ *Amendment 4 covers the type of meetings of the Executive Committee, from telephone conference calls to electronic, and would give the Executive Committee the ability to meet either in person, by telephone, or by other electronic means.*

### **Article V. Executive Committee**

#### **Section 5 Meetings**

**D. Electronic Meetings.** Any meeting of the Executive Committee may be held electronically. Participation electronically shall constitute presence in person at the meeting. [Section 5708 (a) Pennsylvania Code].

**RATIONALE:** To give the Executive Committee the authority to meet using other electronic technology, such as Zoom, in addition to telephone conference calls.

**COST IMPACT:** The only cost impact will be the cost related to the ballot process and the cost of Zoom or other electronic means if any.

# PROPOSED TCA BYLAWS AMENDMENTS (continued)

## TCA BYLAWS AMENDMENT 5

► *Amendment 5 covers the Annual Membership Meeting, dealing with the type of this meeting, the quorum required, and the ability to postpone it. This would allow for the ability to have the Annual Meeting in person or electronically. In addition, this would allow the quorum for a legitimate Membership Meeting to be changed from 75 to 40, and would also allow for the postponing of the meeting as a result of a declared emergency.*

### Article IX. Meetings

#### Section 1, Annual Membership Meeting

- A. An Annual Membership Meeting shall be held each year at a date and place selected by the Board of Directors. A quorum for the meeting shall be forty (40) members who are natural persons.
- B. The Annual Meeting may be held electronically as determined by the Board of Directors by a majority vote.
- C. In the event of a declared local, state, or national emergency, the Annual Meeting may be postponed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

**RATIONALE:** To provide for holding an annual meeting electronically, to reduce the quorum from seventy-five (75) to forty (40) to have a legitimate Annual Meeting, and to allow the Board of Directors to postpone the meeting in the event of an emergency such as the current COVID-19 situation.

**COST IMPACT:** The only cost impact will be the cost related to the ballot process and the cost of Zoom or other electronic means if any.

Prepared by the National Business Office under the supervision of Peter Atonna, Election Supervisor



# 2021-2022 TRAIN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION™ TCA NATIONAL ELECTION BALLOT

TCA # NAME

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← **WRITE YOUR NAME & TCA #**  
**SELECT YOUR PREFERRED CANDIDATES & PREFERRED AMENDMENTS BELOW** ↓

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### PRESIDENT-ELECT

- Jay Zschau
- Write-in \_\_\_\_\_

### VICE PRESIDENT

- Kevin Quinn
- Harold Shapiro
- Write-in \_\_\_\_\_

### SECRETARY

- Katie Elgar
- Write-in \_\_\_\_\_

### TREASURER

- Bob Mintz
- Write-in \_\_\_\_\_

**Amendment 1** Should TCA delete the individual committee listing in the Bylaws (since changing it requires a membership vote) and instead refer readers to the detailed list in the Rules & Regulations?  Yes  No

**Amendment 2** Should TCA allow members to pay their dues in advance for more than one year at a time to take advantage of multi-year discounts?  Yes  No

**Amendment 3** Should TCA allow meetings of the Board of Directors to take place electronically in addition to in- person and via telephone conferencing?  Yes  No

**Amendment 4** Should TCA allow meetings of the Executive Committee to take place electronically in addition to in- person and via telephone conferencing?  Yes  No

**Amendment 5** Should TCA: ❶ Allow the Annual Membership Meeting to be held electronically; ❷ Reduce this meeting's Quorum from 75 to 40; AND ❸ Allow a majority B.O.D. vote to postpone it due to a local, state, or national emergency?  Yes  No

**DETAILS FOR THESE PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENTS ARE ON PAGES 39-40 (THIS PAGE AND THE ONE BEFORE) OF THIS ISSUE OF THE NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS NEWS**

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