

GunNews Election Edition



2024 Washington Arms Collector Election Candidate for President



Karen Jennings

President

I stepped into the position of President quite by accident never intending to take this role, but here I am. I bought my Life Membership quite a number of years ago solely because I believe in WAC. As most of you know I worked in Membership, was Head of Security, and then was the Show Manager.

Occasionally I worked in the office so through all of those various task I was able to see how WAC worked, but more importantly how it must continue to work in this politically charged environment.

Unfortunately for us, and the world as a whole COVID came upon us, and our financial situation is becoming quite dire. However, I am and always will be a half full kind of lady, so by God we are going to find ways to turn this thing around.

With the help of our members, and through your suggestions and continue support we will find a way, even if we end up back to a tiny venue with like minded people. I respectfully ask for your vote of confidence to continue to lead us into the future. Thank you.

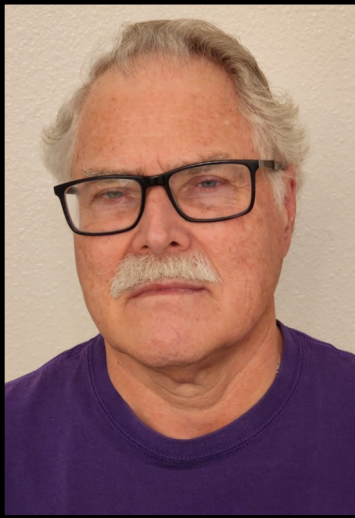
No other candidates were nominated for the Position of President or Vice-President. As well as Secretary or Election Chair.

If you would be interested in filling any of the afore mentioned positions, please send an email to:

***Office@washingtonarmscollectors.org with the heading:
“WAC Vice-President.” “WAC Secretary” or “WAC Election Chair.”***

After the 2024 election, the President will fill this position by appointment.

2024 Washington Arms Collector Election Candidates for Board of Directors



Forbes Freeburg

I was appointed to fill a vacant Director position in March of 2023. In the time since, I have been coordinating updates to the WAC website. Recent changes include data updates on the "About Us" and "Membership" pages, software security enhancements, and the capability for our members to post video files on our website. The WAC website has been selected to replace the paper copy GunNews. I for one, miss receiving the paper copy of the GunNews each month, but we could no longer afford the publication cost (more than \$95,000.00 per year).

I began doing volunteer work for WAC in 2005, while I was still working full time as a database administrator and programmer for a local company. After I retired in 2010, I was recruited to be a WAC employee. In my time as a WAC employee, I worked WAC security, membership services, table rents, and the WAC business office.

Please do cast a ballot in the WAC election, and I would be honored to receive your vote.



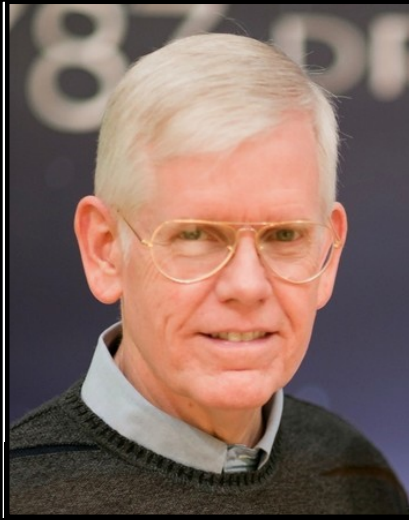
Al Gerth

Al Gerth for BoD - age 74, not dead yet. Nominated by a current WAC BoD. WAC membership 2000, life membership 2008 & paid full price, not waiting for senior discounts. Also life memberships in NRA (+ Endowment, Patron, Benefactor), CCRK-BA, & SAF. Annual NAPCA member & occasional AUTOMAG publication contributor. 20+ years FFL 03 C&R & CPL. 29 years Bloodworks donations of 100+ gallons.

I mostly collect 1860s thru C&R era cartridge handguns: revolvers, semi-autos, RF & CF & I just collect. I haven't hunted in eons, seldom shoot, no reason to reload. To each his own. WA State's Dept. of Revenue (DOR) 2 table private seller rule put the 1st hurt on WAC, way before I-594; it's downhill ever since. Thus, you'll not know me as a buyer as I seldom walk the show or even bring money anymore. As a collecting collector, you won't recognize me as a selling table holder. I did WAC Oct. display

shows thru 2014, but the politics got me down; the best part was meeting new people. Since 2018, I've displayed subsets of my overall collection 3 times/yr at Puyallup. None are for sale. I have few duplicates. It's for fun, show variety, visiting. Look, question, enjoy, then go on a search. I spent 38 continuous Boeing Finance years doing cost estimates, trade studies, cost prediction models, & preparing gov't cost proposal documents from \$1K - \$1B. My better management said I had a good work ethic. They said I also had a low tolerance for BS, don't suffer fools gladly, enjoy a gruff persona, & project a crusty façade; these weren't meant negatively. My Boeing skills may allow WAC to better predict/choose income/expense outcomes regarding number of shows/locations, admission, memberships, table sales/pricing, setup expense, current funds burn down. Cast your vote.

2024 Washington Arms Collector Election Candidates for President & Vice President



Richard Ripley

When you re-elected me as a Club Director, I said that I was only interested in the Club's long-term health. Although the Club's circumstances and our political environment have continued to change, my goal has not. I'm still only concerned about the Club's long-term success. We've done many things toward that goal – tightened our operations, done more on social media, brought in a new Show Manager, and tried to navigate our political limitations.

We have some continuing challenges – particularly the ability to conduct shows, as well as the cost of facilities (hence the move to Enumclaw) and continuing impact of I-594 and I-1639. Even so, WAC is still the best place to shop for, buy, and sell firearms.

I'm still an NRA Instructor and Training Counselor, still active at my gun clubs (I'm the Safety Officer at Interlake Sporting Association, and the Firearms Education Chairman at Kenmore Range), and still teaching classes. Grassroots education is still my favorite thing.

There's more to do. We still need to work on mitigating the impact of 594 & 1639. We need to help people understand that WAC gun shows are the best place to do private buy and sell transactions. And we need to increase our membership. I'd appreciate the opportunity to continue this work. Thank you for your vote.



James Romnes

I was appointed to the WAC board of directors approximately six months ago and my now continuing in this role depends on the will of the WAC's voting members. Why should I be considered a 'keeper' for this position? Well, simply put I have skin in the game.

Since appointment I have attended all WAC shows either as a treasure hunter or table holder. I also had an entry in the 2023 display show and as a uniformed British bobbie shared information about the firearms of Sherlock Holmes with anyone who gave even the appearance of listening. In other words I am an engaged and visible board member enthusiastic about collecting arms. It matters to me if WAC continues and succeeds.

Because of this I have had no absences from board meetings, excused or otherwise, and have always been willing to take on extra duties in my capacity as a board member.

Since I predictably attend our shows members can easily target me for verbal bouquets or bricks. In fact, if you want the specific accomplishments of my first few months or a report of the 2024 Las Vegas Antique Arms Show strike up a conversation at the next WAC event. I am as visible as a fluorescent orange clay pigeon in my Victorian clothing.

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Tim Wegner

No campaign statement or photo were submitted at the time of publication.

Damien Wongwai

No campaign statement or photo were submitted at the time of publication.

2024 Washington Arms Collector Election Candidates for Secretary & Election Chair

Secretary— No nominations

The WAC secretary is responsible for minutes at the official Board meeting. He or she will also ensure that the official minutes are archived and offered to the Editor for publication.

This position is critical to the function of the organization. Typically it requires attendance at one Board meeting each month and the use of email to send draft minutes to Officers and Board member for approval prior to publication.

Election Chair—No nominations

The Election Chair is responsible for overseeing the annual election. He or she will review and approve the ballot as created by the Editor.

The Election Chair will also select the mailing address for the ballots, select volunteers to assist with ballot count and engage in and oversee the ballot count.

The Election Chair will prepare a final election report that is presented to the Board for approval. This position will manage the 2024 election process.