

The following MTRA members are running for the five (5) Board of Director seats which need to be filled for 2012. The top five (5) vote getters will fulfill a three (3) year commitment. Incumbents are listed first – in alphabetical order followed by members-at-large listed in alphabetical order.



Joe Burrill (MTRA #3486): (incumbent): Hi, my name is Joe Burrill. I have been a trail rider for over 19 years and on the Board for the past 3 years. I have helped with the Youth Riders' Fund, and the auctions, and have worked on the Ride Committee for the past 3 years. I have always listened to ideas and any complaints that you have, and have tried to help anybody that has needed help. I am running for the Board, and am hoping you will elect me again. Thank you.

Kathy Moss (MTRA #1768): (incumbent): I have been a member of the Board of Directors since 1997 and a member of the MTRA since 1988. During that time I've seen many changes in the Board and the association. Through participation in Work Bees and many trail rides, I've grown to know many members. I would like to continue my service to this organization to help maintain the trails and make sure they are there for our children and their children. Thank you.

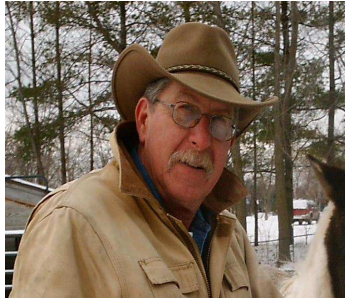


Jeff Balzer (MTRA #2847): My wife and three children, along with an extended family of over 20 riders, have crossed the state over 100 times with the MTRA. This shared experience has given me a good understanding of the needs and expectations of our riders. I have spent a lot of time along with my Dad and other work-bee participants in building and maintaining our existing trails and camps. Since status quo becomes obsolete with neglect, I am ready to work with our board to address the present and future challenges that need to be addressed. We need more consistency in maintaining our trails and may even have to consider changing some of our trails to reduce necessary road-riding as population and regulatory changes challenge our existing routes. I live in Central-Northern Michigan and work as a self-employed auctioneer and travel on or near different parts of our riding routes on a weekly basis. I am confident that I would make a good addition to the board and would appreciate your vote to give me that opportunity.



Jimmy Corlew (MTRA #2874): I am Jimmy Corlew and I live in Gladwin and have been a member since 1992. My family and I have been on many, many rides over the years and enjoy the trails tremendously as well as the camaraderie of the MTRA members. I have attended most of the Board meetings in the past two years and will continue to do so. Now that I am retired, I plan on attending more work bees. I believe as a Board member it is important to know the opinions of the membership and how they feel before casting a vote. I am also a member of the Back Country Horseman and I do support the Right to Ride. I am asking for your support in the upcoming election and for the opportunity to serve the membership as one of your Board of Directors. Thank you.





Al Fritzler (MTRA #3369): Why do I want to run for a board position? That's a question right up there with why do I have horses and sled dogs. They are both a lot of work, but they have also brought much joy and satisfaction to me and my family. I feel the same way about the MTRA. The board position brings with it much work and responsibility, but after many crossings of the state, I feel it is time for me to step up and do my share. I would appreciate your support. Thank you.

Sam Gomez (MTRA #4726): I have been a member since 2004 and, in that time, completed 12 rides. As I become involved in MTRA, I see that by attracting and involving our youth members, we can improve the strength of the organization. I think that more youth input, including at our meetings, would help us. The youth are the future of the MTRA. I would like to see more transparency between the board and the members. This way the membership has a sense of participation in the process. I am eager to get to work on the trails and showing my passion for trail riding in Michigan.



Bob Martin (MTRA #987): Howdy Trail riders. I joined the MTRA in the late 1970's and I would like to be on the Board to better achieve my goals of giving back to the MTRA for all I have received over the years while riding The Shore-to-Shore Trail!! I know I can make a difference helping to protect and improve the trails and the camps and their usage for the further generations. Most recently I participated in work bees, with many MTRA and other volunteers at Mud Lake, Four Mile and Kalkaska Trail Camps where I provided tractors, a wood chipper and a stump grinder, which I operated and furnished the fuel. If you want change and are willing to help, come to the Work Bees and Board Meetings. We can all help to ensure the trails further by working and playing together. Thank You.

Jan Wolfen (MTRA #968): I have been a member of MTRA for more than 30 years and have ridden at least one ride every year. I also have worked at work bees most of those years. My service to MTRA includes a 3-year board term in the early 90's. A year ago, my goal was to get MTRA riding back to Mackinaw in 2012. I have worked hard for the past year on this project and I am beginning to see a light at the end of the tunnel. We are just waiting for the paperwork to be completed by the DNR. I would like very much to be elected to the Board to continue this work and to be able to take care of that section of trail. Right now, the plan is to use Mackinaw as a staging area, like we do in Empire and Oscoda, but I would like to work towards getting an equine campground in Mackinaw again. Your vote for me is a step in that direction.



Each membership may vote once for five (5) Board seats. The top five (5) vote getters will fulfill a three (3) year commitment. Please keep in mind that there may be nominations from the floor at the Annual Meeting before the final vote is tallied.