

Your Name: Mark Jay

Office You Seek: Board Member-At-Large

How long have you been a member of the Club? Please specifically identify the ways in which you have served the Club during your time as a member. (150 words maximum)

I have been a member of MAFW since 2006. During that time I have led scores of rides, but I became disabled in 2022 and cannot ride or lead anymore, although I remain a member and serve on the Board. I served on the Ride Planning Committee for many years. I worked as the Bike Adventures Coordinator and have authored travel-relevant articles for the Newsletter and the Website. I have worked on many Revolutionary Rambles and have served on the Board of the Ramble. I now serve on the Board of the club as the Member At-Large. In short, I have served the Club in many different capacities for 18 years and hope to continue my service as Member-At-Large.

Why are you running for this position? Please specifically identify what you would like to accomplish in this position and how you propose to accomplish it. (150 words maximum)

I am running for Member-At-Large because I enjoy the role of jack-of-all-trades, supporting the President and the Board with miscellaneous assignments.

I think the biggest problem facing the Club is its decreasing membership and increasing average age. If not reversed, these trends will cause the Club to shut down in a few years. I believe the Club must make major changes in its operation and marketing methodology in order to remain viable. I have advocated for specific such changes and continue to do so.

I also believe that the Bylaws of the Club need to be modernized; its provisions are unnecessarily unwieldy. Additionally, we have been advised by a specialist that our Bylaws do not adhere to certain best practices. I support

a revision of the Bylaws to address these matters and as a lawyer I am prepared to participate in this revision.

(Optional) This is a space where you can tell the Club members anything you want them to know about you. (150 words maximum)

As a result of riding in the Club, my life has been enriched. I have made close friends. I have become physically fit. I have learned the joy that cycling offers and have cycled many thousands of miles in the United States, Sichuan and Yunnan Provinces in China, Cambodia, Myanmar (Burma), Cambodia, Bhutan, Laos, Vietnam, South Africa, and Botswana. For these reasons, I place great value on my Club membership and this motivates me to serve on the Board.