

Biography for 2020 Board Member Nominations



Rob Behnke, Fox Valley Technical College, Appleton, Wisconsin. Hello to all. I am honored to be nominated for a board position with NAPFTDS. I come from a background of over 29 years in the industry including driving, teaching, and an advising role with students, staff, and industry partners. FVTC is a founding member of NAPFTDS, and I personally have been a member of NAPFTDS since 2003. Some of you may remember my time as a member; I became a board member in 2005, Vice President in 2011-2012, and President in 2013-2014. So why you might ask do I want to run for the board in 2020? Great question, but I can answer that quite quickly. You see, this is what we all do every day, network for a greater good, and it is a strong desire and passion of mine to achieve the greatest level of safety on our roadways across the globe while sharing some of the best educational practices and knowledge imaginable. The sure way of getting this done is becoming a sum of the whole. The whole is associations like NAPFTDS and I have come to realize that the deeply rooted knowledge and drive for safety is key. Together we can and have moved mountains, I want to continue to be a part of that movement. There are many great candidates from which to choose, quite honestly any one of us would be a great choice. The voters certainly have a tough decision. If I am voted on the Board I promise you that I will continue to work diligently in carrying the voice of our Association while keeping safety in the forefront of my thoughts and actions.



John Thorpe, Central Tech Truck Driver Training Program, Drumright, Oklahoma. John has 21 years' experience as an educator and has served the past 3 years as the Director of the Truck Driver Training Program at Central Technology Center in Drumright, Oklahoma. As a career educator, John understands the struggles students face and strives to assist students in reaching their goals. John is actively engaged with the program and will often be found spending time on the driving range working one-on-one with students while instructors are busy with others.

Safety and student success are a priority for John at Central Tech's Truck Driver Training Program. He is passionate that training schools should be focused on the students, giving them the training skills necessary to succeed in their careers as safe and employable truck drivers.

Central Technology Center's Truck Driver Training Program has been a member of NAPFTDS for over 20 years and has sought to uphold the mission of the organization. John's desire in serving on the Board of Directors is to continue to support the Association in furthering its work and growing membership of schools who subscribe to the ethics and objectives of NAPFTDS.

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Vendor Board Member Nomination



Jill Schultz joined J. J. Keller & Associates in 1993 and has been an editor on the Transportation Publishing team since 1995. Jill develops and edits content for numerous transportation safety-related publications and training programs. She also writes transportation-related articles for outside trade publications and presents webinars.

Jill specializes in both the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations and state intrastate safety regulations which include driver qualification, hours of service, and alcohol and controlled substance regulations. She also specializes in driver training issues, including entry-level driver training.

Jill has served on the NAPFTDS board since 2018 and chairs the Regulatory Committee.

Carrier Board Member Nomination



Melissa Stephan – Recruiting Manager, Melton Truck Lines

Melissa Stephan is the Recruiting Manager at Melton Truck Lines. She joined the Melton team in September of 2001 as a background investigator for the recruiting department. As the Recruiting Manager, she oversees the driver hiring for a fleet of nearly 1400 trucks. In 2009, she had an opportunity to use her experience managing high volume outbound call recruiting to design and implement a Business Development Team for Melton. After 10 months implementing the new team, she chose to rejoin recruiting because helping people is where her passion is. She works closely with the advertising team to ensure Melton attracts the right talent and works closely with the safety team to ensure that talent is trained properly for the high paying flatbed driver role. She holds a Bachelor of Business Management from Northeastern State University.

Biography for 2020 Executive Board of Director Nominations

Treasurer, Executive Board of Director Nomination



Tina Frindt, Northampton Community College, Tannersville, Pennsylvania. Currently, I am the Director of the Driver Training Program. With approximately 35 + years in the trucking industry and 26 of those years at the college's driver training program. I have been on the Board for approximately 21 years with 13 years as the Treasurer and a term of 3 years as Secretary. I currently am also on the PTDI Board and serve on their Certification Committee.

As the current Treasurer, this position is a time-consuming position but a rewarding one. I believe that my work in this area speaks for itself. It is important to note that the Administrative Assistant position works closely with the Treasurer and it was clearly a great move on the part of the Board to add this position. These two positions work hand-in-hand and complement each other.

It would be a pleasure to serve another term as the Treasurer of NAPFTDS. I will handle the position with dedication and integrity, making sure that the books are kept in accordance with all laws and standards.

Secretary, Executive Board of Director Nomination



Mary Beth McCollum, College of Southern Maryland, LA Plata, Maryland. Currently I am the Director and Instructor with the Center for Transportation Training and have been there for 27 years. Prior to employment at the college I was an MVA examiner for 7 years and do hold a CDL license with all endorsements. 2020 will be my 24th convention. Having been a board member for 13 of those years with 6 years of that as the Secretary on the Executive Board. I have served on several committees: Regional, education, membership and convention committees. A member of the Maryland Motor Truck Association's Education Committee and a PTDI Board of Directors member for 13 years with 2 years as Secretary of PTDI. I also served on a Senator's committee on CDL Insurance entry level drivers and participated in all ELDTAC meeting in Washington D.C., Spring 2015.

The college is a long-time member of NAPFTDS. As a member, we have found the Association to be an invaluable resource because of the trucking industry, networking and friendships that have developed along the way. Being on the Board has allowed me to grow as an adult trainer, instructor and director of our college Transportation Training Center. I have assisted the Association in matters in Washington D.C. when a representative was needed, eliminating travel cost for the Association and allowing the Association to be represented. I hope to continue my work on the Board and Executive Board in representing the Association in its growth and ensure that our voice as publicly funded schools will be heard on the national and industry stages.