

2019 Board Nominee Bios for Board member



Steve Harvey (Board Member re-election) Steve has built his career on driving excellence in the field of commercial transportation. In Steve's early career work as Truck Driver, Head Dispatcher and Operations Manager with multiple trucking companies over a span of 40 years in the industry, he gained invaluable knowledge of the ins and outs of effective program planning and operation. This experience served as the basis for his transition to the education field; Steve is currently serve as a Truck Driving Instructor for the last 15. Steve currently is serving on the Social Media Committee and also attendee at past regional meeting and annual conference. Steve is active in the Washington Trucking Association, Truck Load Carrier Association and the North American Transportation Management Institute.

Walla Walla CC joined NAPFTDS (1997-2993/2005-2006/ 2008-2019) to collaborate with industry, strengthen curriculum, and support publicly funded schools. Education related training opportunities and access to partnerships. Has served on the board to collaborate, innovate, and find common issues we can solve together, that alone we cannot. Support NAPFTDS and strengthen ties with industry in the Northwest Trucking Association and advocate for transportation education. Contribute in board activities and support board initiatives. Develop and evaluate long-term projects and programs, not only by contributing time and talent, but also reflecting the values of our Association.

I look forward to connecting with you! Let's start a conversation about the future of trucking--and our place in it.



Michael McCarthy (Board member) Michael has 13 years of technical education and 43 years in the transportation industry. Michael has participated in every regional meeting since 2014 as well as annual conference, with the exception of one. Michael is an education committee member. Seward CCC has worked with the Kansas Motor Carriers, which come the second Tuesday of each class and spending the day with student showing them weight and measurements, going to the port of entry, doing a complete inspection on the driver and the truck. So students will know what to expect when they get out on the road. Seward CCC also works with the Kansas Corporation Commission, spending time with the students on Kansas Laws.

Michael took over the truck driving program at Seward CCC in 2013 and the school was a member then. I got involved in the Association from Robert McClanahan encouraging him to participate in events such as regional meetings and annual conferences. I was impressed that others cared as much as I did about the program and its safety. The final product ... Good Safe Drivers.

NAPFTDS is a great association. We need to make sure that new members (Schools and /or vendors) feel welcome and wanted. I feel that I can do that. I've learned so much by attending events. Michael's goal is to make SCCC the best Trucking Driving program that we can be and the safest.

At SCCC the Gold standard is 'safety on the road and in everything we do.'



John Rojas (Board member re-election) has 20+ years in technical education and the transportation industry. He is currently an active Board member and a past Board member (2006-2009). He has served on the membership and conference committees and is currently a co-chair on the education committee. Trade associations he is involved in are CVTA (current Associate Board member), Texas Trucking Association, American Trucking Association and Truck Load Carriers as well as Association of Energy Service Companies.

NAPFTDS is a great association that provides its members outstanding representation in all trucking industry matters. As a 2 time Board member, I have enjoyed being a part of the Board and feel I have a lot to offer in continuing the growth and strength the Association has earned with industry leaders. If elected for a 3rd Board position Term, I will proudly represent the Association and its membership.



Donnie Tulk (Board member) has 4 years as an instructor of Entry-level Driver Training, 3 years as a program coordinator, Truck Driver Training, 10 years as an Advisory Council member of Central Tech, Truck Driver Training and 35 years of Industry experience as Driver, Management, Recruiting and Safety. In 2017 Tulsa Tech hosted the Region 4 meeting. Donnie has attended Regional meetings and national conference. His company was a carrier member in 2011 and his school, Tulsa Tech has been a full member since 2016. He has worked as a past Board member with the Oklahoma Trucking Association; past chairman of Oklahoma Safety Management; and was awarded the 2006 Safety Professional of the year award from the Oklahoma Trucking

Association.

I first became involved and became a member of NAPFTDS in 2011 as a Carrier Member. At the time, I was on the advisory council of Central Tech's Trucking Driving Training program, being involved with Central Tech introduced me to several NAPFTDS members, I could see the passion that this great group of professionals had for properly training entry-level truck drivers and I knew that I needed to become a member and get involved with like-minded people that understood the importance of thoroughly and effectively training entry-level truck drivers. To me, serving on the board is an opportunity for me to give back to the industry that has been very good to me, also, I feel that bringing over 35 years of experience in the trucking industry coupled with the experience that I have so far in technical education, I believe I can work with all members equally to help make decisions that affect NAPFTDS in a positive way.

My vision for NAPFTDS as an organization is to continue to be on the forefront of working with local, state and federal legislators in regards to changes in legislation or regulations when it comes to training entry-level truck drivers. I also feel that there is strength in numbers and the more members we have makes us stronger, I will pledge to put forth a concerted effort to be an NAPFTDS ambassador and will do my part to recruit full an, affiliate and associate members.

Thank you for your consideration.



Celeste Turner (Board member) I have been with Hawkeye Community College for 7 years. Wrote curriculum for Class B CDL Program, Bus program, Hitch Hall and Steer program, Basic Mechanics for Women program and started Driver's Ed classes. I have 35 years of history auditing logs in the industry and FMCSA compliance in the industry since early 80s. With over 35 years in the industry, as a dispatcher and traffic manager. My belief is I should know and be able to do everything my instructors are asked to do, so I became a motorcycle instructor, MSF Quality Assurance specialist, moped instructor and have taken every LEAD program that I can. Participated in annual conference (4) and in 2014 hosted the regional meeting at Hawkeye and have attended 6 region meetings over the years. I am an active member of Iowa Motor Truck Association and Women in Trucking and am also on the Waterloo Transportation Board.

I have gained so much knowledge, received guidance and gained opportunity in networking on the workings of truck driving schools. NAPFTDS is ever-changing and I would be honored and privileged to provide my experience, thoughts and ideas to assist in the future of NAPFTDS.



Dan Zdrojewski (Board member re-election) with 27 years of experience, I served in the U.S. Army for 4 years as a specialist in the Ammunition Logistics Operation Center and Field Training; drove Class 8 trucks in the foodservice industry for 18 years and have been a full-time instructor for the past 5 years at Milwaukee Area Technical College (MATC). Three months into my career at MATC, I attended my first national conference. The value, power, knowledge, experience and networking, was nothing like I had experience before. Since the first National Conference I attended, I have been fortunate to attend all since then. The 2019 national conference will be my 6th conference. At each conference, I have found a way to contribute my time in helping each conference be successful and try to help when and where I can. I have attended regional meetings over the last 3 years as well. It is truly a privilege to be able to attend these events. As a Board member, I was elected 3 years ago in Scottsdale, Arizona. I was given the responsibility to be the Chair of the membership Committee. The committee has consisted of many full members in the association in the past 3 years. MATC is a member of the Wisconsin Motor Carriers Association (WMCA). WMCA holds many seminars, conferences and informational sessions throughout the State of Wisconsin and I have participated in several of these events and have been a resource for WMCA's members.

As Chair of the membership committee in the last 3 years, we have gained 1 Affiliate member, 17 Associate members and 28 Full memberships. Even with the growth, it is amazing to still be able to talk to individuals that are not aware of NAPFTDS. Going forward, my vision for NAPFTDS is to be a very valuable and important resource for all publicly funded training providers, government institutions, organizations, associate member, outside trucking industry entities, research firms and the insurance industry. Together, NAPFTDS member have a wealth of knowledge and experience. I believe the remedy for many of the national issues we face today can start with our Association. We have the connections, skills, knowledge and ideas that can solve many issues. I also believe we have a great voice as an Association. I envision NAPFTDS being known by everyone in the trucking industry as 'The Truck Driving Training Association'. This vision will not happen overnight and will require a lot of work and dedication.

If re-elected, I promise to help NAPFTDS and all of its members in any way I can. I will continue to promote NAPFTDS and continue my role as the Membership Chair if the Board so desires. Thank you for your time and your support of NAPFTDS.