

Board Member Candidates



Lynette Cervantes, Del Mar College, Corpus Christi, TX. My journey in the transportation industry began as a student at [Del Mar College Transportation Training Services](#). After 12 years of interstate driving, I returned to my roots at Del Mar to mentor the next generation of professional drivers. Over the past 13 years, I have spearheaded multiple curriculum revisions with a steadfast commitment to safety. Beyond the classroom, I am deeply involved in trade organizations, ensuring I remain at the forefront of legislative changes. My tenure on the Board, specifically within the Education and Membership committees, has been incredibly rewarding. I am eager to continue this work and hope for the opportunity to serve again, supporting the Board of Directors in achieving their long-term vision for our Association.

Scott Hartley, Caldwell Community College & Technical Institute. A 40-year veteran of the commercial trucking industry, Scott Hartley has transitioned from over-the-road operations and fleet ownership to a pivotal role in education. As Program Director for CDL programs at Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute, Scott manages a network of seven collegiate partnerships across North Carolina. His mission is simple: to translate decades of practical experience into high-standard training programs that prioritize safety, compliance, and robust workforce development.



Christopher Jones, Gateway Technical College, Kenosha, Wisconsin. Chris Jones serves as the Program Chair and Lead Instructor of the CDL Truck Driving Program at Gateway Technical College in Kenosha, Wisconsin. With a strong commitment to student success, safety, and industry alignment, he leads curriculum development, instructor coordination, compliance oversight, and employer partnerships for one of the region's growing publicly funded CDL programs.

Chris is passionate about modernizing truck driver education through structured training systems, industry engagement, and forward-thinking leadership. Under his guidance, the program has strengthened relationships with national and regional carriers, enhanced hands-on training standards, and prioritized professional development for both students and instructors.

As a nominee for the board of the National Association of Publicly Funded Truck Driving Schools, Chris is dedicated to advancing best practices in publicly funded CDL education, advocating for high training standards, and helping shape the future of workforce development in the transportation industry.

Michael Kuebler, Metropolitan Community College, Omaha, Nebraska. Mike started his trucking career in 1996 as a part-time job to supplement his radio broadcasting career. He learned quickly that he preferred the open road as his office over the confines of a radio studio. In 2003 after hanging up his headphones for the last time, he began a full-time career as a truck driver. He has spent time as an over the road, regional and local driver.



In the fall of 2009, the opportunity to be an instructor at Southeast Community College in Lincoln, Nebraska came up. Even though teaching was never a goal of Mike's, he decided to give it a try and share his love of driving with the future truckers of America. It turned out being one of the best things he has ever done.

After a short time at Southeast Community College, Mike became the Program Director and successfully ran the program for eleven years. In 2021, getting tired of the long commute, he accepted a job offer as a co-coordinator and faculty member in Omaha, Nebraska at Metropolitan Community College which was just down the street from his home.

Since becoming an instructor in 2009, Mike has always pursued his love of trucks with part-time jobs. He has spent uncountable Saturdays in a truck pulling doubles, tankers, reefers, vans and even an occasional flatbed. He usually shares his excitement of the road with his children by taking one the three with him for the day.



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Throughout his career, Rickey has worked as a company driver, owner-operator, trucking company owner, dispatcher, and instructor. This wide-ranging experience gives him a well-rounded understanding of the industry from both the driver's seat and the management side. His favorite role has always been teaching—sharing real-world knowledge and experience with new drivers to help them succeed safely and professionally.

Rickey also served as a Board Member for the National Association of Publicly Funded Truck Driving Schools (NAPFTDS) from September 2023 through April 2025.

He has a deep passion for the trucking industry and is committed to passing on everything he has learned to the next generation of drivers.

Treasurer Candidate



Nikole Willing, Central Tech, Drumright, Oklahoma. I have served as the recruiter for the Central Tech Truck Driver Training Program for the past 10 years, helping grow the program to train more than 800 safe, professional drivers each year. I have been involved with the NAPFTDS organization for nine years and have served as a board member for the past four years. I am passionate about workforce development, advancing industry standards, and promoting high-quality driver training programs. I remain committed to continuous learning and to the continued growth and impact of the NAPFTDS organization.

Secretary Candidates

Tony Diaz, Amarillo College, Amarillo, Texas. Tony Diaz has served on the NAPFTDS Board for nearly three years and currently serves as Program Coordinator at Amarillo College. With extensive experience in publicly funded workforce education, Tony is dedicated to strengthening CDL training programs through collaboration, innovation, and industry partnerships. He is committed to expanding NAPFTDS membership and partner engagement to support sustainable growth, member retention, and the continued advancement of high-quality truck driving education nationwide.



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Vendor Candidates

Jill Schultz, J.J. Keller & Associates, Inc. Neenah, Wisconsin. Jill is a Senior Editor at J. J. Keller & Associates, Inc., where she has specialized in transportation safety and regulatory compliance since 1995. She is a recognized expert in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs), state intrastate safety requirements, CDL regulations, and entry-level driver training (ELDT). Jill develops and edits a wide range of transportation safety products and publications.



Jill has served on the NAPFTDS board since 2018 and chairs its Regulatory Committee. She is a member of the Commercial Vehicle Training Association's (CVTA) Legislative & Regulatory Committee and the American Trucking Associations' (ATA) Workforce Development Committee. Jill is also a member of Women in Trucking and the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA).



John Rojas, Bumper to Bumper, EASY CDL LLC, Rockport, Texas. With 30 years of management experience, including the successful development and launch of two truck driver training programs—one private and one public, I have overseen all operational aspects and designed comprehensive curricula for entry-level drivers, as well as advanced professional development and safety programs for experienced drivers. I possess extensive knowledge of Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations and have worked closely with trucking industry associations and the FMCSA on the development and implementation of the Entry-Level Driver

Training (ELDT) standards. I am passionate about connecting and learning with and from other training professionals in the interest of delivering the best training possible for the drivers of tomorrow.

Carrier Candidates

Jamey Moon, Covenant Logistics, Chattanooga, Tennessee. With 31 years at Covenant, I bring experience in operations, safety, driver retention, and over two decades in recruiting. I am deeply committed to supporting and mentoring new drivers as they begin their careers. Outside of work, I volunteer at my church and volunteer 2 to 3 weekends serving on retreats. I love to cook and I enjoy life with my wife of 38 years, their two daughters, and his incredible grandson.

I am someone who values family, faith, and meaningful connections. I enjoy learning new things, helping others and making the most out of every opportunity.



Lesley Vincent, Melton Truck Lines, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Lesley Vincent is a graduate of Wichita State University. After college, she was an insurance agent followed by a 10-year career in the airline industry. After leaving the airline industry, she began a trucking career as a recruiting professional with CFI in Joplin, MO in 1998. Two years later, she moved to Tulsa, OK and started with Melton Truck Lines.

Throughout almost 26 years with Melton, Lesley has been a Lead Recruiter, Recruiting Supervisor, Trainer, and is currently the Field Recruiting Manager. During her recruiting career with Melton, she has successfully hired hundreds of professional drivers with several that are now million milers and trainers.

In 2008, Lesley was awarded Melton's prestigious award for Employee of the Year. In 2019, she was promoted to manage the Field Recruiting program at Melton where she has a team of 3 full time Field Recruiters and 2 part time Field Recruiters. Her team focuses heavily on veteran hiring and civilian hiring from some of the most skilled schools in the industry.

*Richard 'Rickey' Monroe is running for 2 positions. 1) Board member, and 2) Secretary.