

September 22, 2025

To: PCA Chicago Region Board of Directors

From: 2025 Nominating Committee
Stanley Sangdahl – Chair
Grace Chen
Bob Rath
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Robert Safe

RE: Candidates for 2026-2027 Board of Director

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The Nominating Committee has received seven nominations for the Board of Director positions that will be vacated at the end of 2025. We have reviewed these nominations and discussed the qualifications of each and found that all of these applicants are qualified to serve as members on the Board of Directors of the Porsche Club of America - Chicago Region. We therefore would like to propose a slate of the following members to appear on the ballot for the two director positions to serve in the 2026-2027 term:

- Dana Comolli – President
- Pete Bukantis – Vice-President
- Catherine Fischer – Treasurer
- Mark Prescott – Secretary
- Brian Scifers – Director
- Marcin Proszek – Director
- Bart Surowka – Director

The candidatesubmission/bios from each individual appear at the end of this document. We would like to thank the Board of Directors for the opportunity to serve the Chicago Region in this capacity.

Respectfully submitted

The 2024 Nominating Committee

Dana Comolli for President

I would like to offer my name for consideration for President of the Chicago Region. I believe I have made substantial contributions to the club as a director, two terms as Vice President, and in my first term as President. I feel that I can continue to benefit the club during a second term.

I have demonstrated that I can identify issues that need to be addressed, have the ability to define a solution, and most importantly, have the follow-through to ensure that the issues are addressed. I have shown leadership in multiple areas of the club and the ability to work in multiple roles within teams as well as acting as a mentor to others.

I look forward to continue addressing issues that span the entire club.

Thank you for your consideration.

Pete Bukantis for Vice-President

I've been a member of the Chicago PCA region since May of 2005. Since then I have participated in many events over the years. And have tried to foster a love of the club in my children (more young members!).

I started my journey of service to the club in 2006. That is when I volunteered to help the autocross timing crew revamp the scoring reporting to become a more automated process and allow for more runs and less waiting for results. That grew into me becoming the ax timing coordinator which I've held for nearly 20 years.

During that time I constantly improved the timing process by updating equipment and introducing things like mobile timeslip printing and eventually live times on the web.

In 2020 I expanded my service to include helping coordinate the Blackhawk events. I started by organizing the Oktoberfest events and over the years have taken over more responsibilities. I pursued this role not to take over but help lighten the load on the organizers and learn over time.

I have been a director since 2022. In this role I have tried to help steer the club in a good direction for the future. I have been working on ways to motivate new volunteers. I have also been an advocate to get younger members interested in running portions of the club.

The reason I am asking to be considered for Vice President position is that I want to continue to help guide the club. Over the years I have tried to be a good example of what club leadership should be, growing my role over the years.. I plan to be an active member and help assist the president on new initiatives. I'd like to lend my 20 years of experience in the club to help shape the future of our region in a way that benefits all. One of the things I think is very important is for every area of the club to work on some formal succession planning. To me this means that while we might have a single coordinator for each area, we really should have a team of a few folks that actually have ownership for the events. Figuring out ways to entice volunteering without dumping the whole thing in a new person's lap should help grow our volunteer base.

I really enjoy this club. While I might not participate in all the types of events, I appreciate the variety of events this club offers. The only way to keep offering this wide variety of events is to figure out how to get more membership participation and take advantage of the broad skills the membership has to offer.

Thank you for your consideration.

Catherine Fischer for Treasurer

My husband Rick and I are active members of the club, and professionally I am a tax accountant. In the nonprofit world I am on the board of CASA of McHenry County for the past five years, and have been the Treasurer of the Chicago Region for the past two years. In addition, I also actively participate in and help coordinate a number of club activities including:

- Co-coordinator of Potter's Picnic – the longest running event in all of PCA
- Support of the Ladies' Day HPDE
- HPDE participant
- Active in PCA Juniors

Thank you for your consideration.

Mark Prescott for Secretary

I have long been a Porsche enthusiast. Cheryl (my wife) and I have been members of PCA since 2008. I have participated in most club activities with the exception of Tech and Timing. I served as Membership Coordinator for eight years and passed that torch several years ago. I have proudly served on our PCA Board as Director for two years and as the Interim Secretary for most of 2025. I am currently the Road America on-site Registrar for RADE and I am the Club Race Registrar for TRAC.

As Secretary and a member of the Board, I have several goals. The first is to maintain the diversity of activities available to our members. Secondly, I aim to help maintain and increase membership and participation. Third, I believe it is important to preserve the financial position of our club through careful stewardship.

I truly enjoy being a part of this organization and I thank you for your consideration.

Brian Scifers for Director

I first joined PCA in March 2018 to mainly participate in DE events with a "track only Boxster". I dabbled in Autocross that year as well, quickly realizing that my next car would be one that I'd experience the full onslaught of activities with (and would actually drive to!). While I have not experienced the racing side of the club, I've tried to experience most other offerings that PCA Chicago has afforded me (proven by the number of years I've qualified for the "all-around").

I've thoroughly enjoyed getting to know more members and truly love being able to connect members with other events they're less familiar with. I'm hoping to support Jack and Jake Steidle next year with the Rallye Coordinator role and look forward to further engaging with the organization of those events. I've otherwise been a regular participant with Autocross and occasionally heading out for DE, as well as fitting in a Concours or two each year as well. I've assisted with the Teen Survival program from the beginning when Dana brought the idea forward, helping to "design" the layout in the Autobahn Country Club space. My wife and I have enjoyed most of the driving tours the past several years as well, which is an activity that we look forward to spending time with one another doing (aside from the Rallyes of course!).

In addition to the various driving activities PCA Chicago runs, I've volunteered for other events when the call arises, whether it be a PCA social event or with the external Porsche community (e.g. PCA Golf outing, Barnaba, CheckedItOut, Chilli Cook-off, etc.) getting the opportunity to further support the Porsche community/brand and get to know members even more. I've been a fairly regular attendee for the board meetings for the past several years, giving me some insight in how the club operates.

In summary, I feel that I have a well-rounded understanding of the club's events and operations, positioning me to help guide the growth and direction of PCA Chicago as a Director.

Thank you for your consideration.

Marcin Proszek for Director

I'm Marcin Proszek, and I'm excited to put myself forward as a candidate for Director of PCA Chicago. Since joining the club in 2021, I've come to deeply appreciate the essence of PCA's motto, "It's not just the car, it's the people." My first event, Autocross School, was a defining moment—where I experienced firsthand the camaraderie and dedication of fellow members and volunteers who make PCA Chicago the incredible community it is.

Over the past few years, I've actively participated in competitive HPDE, and social club events, while also volunteering at several. With this experience, I've gained valuable insights into event coordination and preparation, and I'm eager to contribute to furthering our club's success.

As a small business owner, I bring a strong set of problem-solving and communication skills to the table. Understanding client needs and delivering solutions is my daily routine, and I believe these skills will be invaluable in discussions and planning for PCA Chicago's future. I'm ready to take the next step and become even more involved in shaping the direction of our club.

I'd be honored to serve as a Director, and I look forward to the opportunity to work together to continue building and growing our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Bart Surowka for Director

For me, Porsche ownership has never been just about the car – it's about the people, the passion, and the pursuit of performance. My name is Bart Surowka, and I'm proud to put myself forward as a candidate for the PCA Chicago Board of Directors.

I've been an active member for 6 years, immersing myself, and now my family, in nearly every aspect of club life: autocross, driver education, social gatherings, and rally drives —bringing with me over 13 years of experience in the motorsport scene. With a true enthusiasm for speed and throttle, I serve as a National Instructor and hold a Motorsport Safety Foundation Level 2 Instructor certification, having the privilege of helping drivers sharpen their abilities and safely unlock more of their Porsche's potential – guiding others to safely succeed and build confidence on track. I find instructing incredibly rewarding, and make it a point to have a student at DE events – even instructing on days I'm not driving. Beyond instructing, I've contributed behind the scenes at autocross, always striving to support the strong culture of camaraderie and learning that defines our Club and has become a meaningful part of both my driving journey and community. Having considered running in prior years, I feel now is the right time to step forward and give back to the Club.

Professionally, I bring a versatile background that bridges technical, entrepreneurial expertise and leadership. I established my own insurance business in 2008 and expanded into an insurance brokerage in 2014, gaining valuable experience in finance, client service and organizational management. In addition, I earned an MBA from North Park University, as well as, own and operate a construction company as a general contractor, where I've further honed my abilities in project execution, team building, and operational management. These varying experiences – coupled with my commitment to Porsche and PCA – prepare me to contribute thoughtfully and effectively as a Board member.

If elected, I'd bring that same energy and collaborative spirit to the Board, with the goal of strengthening member experiences, supporting the continued success of our region and recognizing that volunteers are the backbone that keep the wheels turning. I'd be honored to serve our members by supporting the programs and traditions that make PCA Chicago one of the most vibrant regions. I believe in fostering a culture that celebrates the Porsche brand, embraces the thrill of performance driving and strengthens the friendships that set our club apart.

With your support, I look forward to helping steer PCA Chicago into its next exciting chapter – keeping our region growing, connected and always chasing the next corner.

Thank you for your consideration.