

# NMTA TRUSTEE NOMINEE BIOGRAPHY QUESTIONNAIRE

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## **BACKGROUND and INTERESTS**

**Date of Birth:** 09.27.1982

**Education:** Bellevue College, Lake Washington Technical - Degrees: HS Diploma

**Hobbies or other non-work interests:** BOATING and Water Sports, Downhill MTB, Snowmobiling, Kiteboarding, Flyfishing, Saltwater Fishing, Family time at our Eastern WA Lake house (wife of 15yrs w/2 Daughters 7 & 3).

**What are your current job responsibilities:** ASPEN: VP Marketing & Sales, New Boat Project Manager, Customer Care, Marketing, and NMMA Compliance Specialist. Past Work

**Experience:** I-90 Marine Center (was Local Glacier Bay Catamarans Dealer (6yrs) Aspen Power Catamarans (18yrs)

**Past Board Experience (including NMTA):** Currently sitting member of Aspen Board, NMTA Board Trustee, past President of Neighborhood HOA.

**How long have you been a member of this Association?** NMTA Member 24 years, Aspen Board 6 years, HOA 8 years.

**Have you volunteered for this Association before?** Yes:  No:

**In what capacity did you serve?** Budget Meetings, New Member Drive Spring 2025, Grow Boating Grant Disbursement, Workforce Development, and Government Affairs Advocacy.

Have you held a leadership position on a Board in the past? Yes: X No: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Organization: Westview Acres HOA Position: President

**Why would you like to be a member of the NMTA Board of Trustees:**

It has been an honor to serve as an NMTA board trustee over the past three years. Collaborating with the dedicated staff at NMTA and engaging with members throughout the association has been truly rewarding. I have appreciated the chance to connect with members, understand their needs, and advocate on their behalf. Serving again as a Trustee would be a fulfilling and meaningful way to contribute my time, talents, and resources. With over 20 years of experience in the marine industry, I'd like to continue to give back to our community of boaters. After serving as a Trustee I see we have immediate and distant challenges to overcome.

**What, in your opinion, are the NMTA's strengths and weaknesses:**

**Strengths:** Rec. Boating Advocacy & Grow Boating, Seattle Boat Show, Anacortes Show, NMTA Staff, and Water Life Newsletter.

**Weaknesses:** Retaining Members, Fall Boat Show, Cash flow outside boat show revenue, Health Trust.

**What issues are important to our organization in the short term**

The success of our boat shows and introducing our youth to Recreational BOATING.

**in the long term:** Attracting the best and brightest to join the marine industry.

**Members of the NMTA Board of Trustees are requested to serve on one or more NMTA committees. Whether or not you are chosen to serve as a Trustee, you may serve on other committees. Which of the following committees would be of most interest to you? Mark in order of preference: (1) = first choice (10) = no interest**

BOAT SHOW: 1

BOATYARD: 6

FISH: 4

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS: 7

GROW BOATING: 3

MARINA: 5

MEMBERSHIP: 2

PAC: 8

SUPERYACHT: 10

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