

2023 SLATE OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

For President: Steve Bobbitt
For Past President: Diane Sullenberger

ELECTION

For Vice President: Ed Hahn
For Treasurer: Stephen Kiraly
For Secretary: Alan French



MEET THE CANDIDATES



STEPHEN KIRALY
TREASURER

Stephen Kiraly has been a member of Potomac PCA since 2012, when he purchased his first Porsche, a 2006 997 Cabriolet. Once he discovered PCA, he and his wife, Debra, became involved in the many Potomac events that give our Club such a good name.

Stephen got his start with Porsches after a stint riding high performance motorcycles. After deciding four wheels really are better than two, he began his “search” for the perfect car. If he only knew then what he knows now.

After many months of searching for the car that would meet all his goals, which at that time were limited to color, convertible top and coolness, he found his car at a Lamborghini dealer in Atlanta. Confident in his decision, he bought a one-way ticket to Atlanta. When the dealer pulled up in car at the airport, he knew he wouldn’t be buying a return ticket. Three hours later he was on his way home in his 1st Porsche.

Learning of Potomac upon joining PCA, Stephen signed up for the Fall HPDC formally starting his journey down the “slippery slope” of Porsche high performance driving. After an off-track excursion at the very next DE, Debra said he couldn’t take that nice car to track again.

Not to be deterred, Stephen purchased an inexpensive, at least in terms of Porsche Bucks, 2002 Boxster S just in time for the next Potomac DE. In fact, he drove his new purchase directly to the track and was “black flagged” for a loose 30-day tag.

In the following years, Stephen has continued his slippery slide purchasing a 2009 Cayman S track car along with an enclosed trailer and a new pickup truck to pull it. Stephen became a DE instructor in 2016 and enjoys giving back in the way that all the great instructors he had gave to him. He also became an official steward for the DE program in 2016. The 2020 Club Race at Summit Point was his debut to PCA Club Racing.

Stephen and Debra have also enjoyed the social activities that Potomac organizes. He has been to Wintergreen, Homestead and Nemaquin “Drive and Stay” events enjoying the camaraderie of other Porsche enthusiasts, even if one of them drove a Corvette. Because as the say—It’s about the people...not just the cars.

Stephen has served four years as Potomac’s Treasurer and is committed to making the Club function as smoothly as possible in a sound fiscal manner.

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ALAN FRENCH
SECRETARY

Alan joined PCA Potomac at the end of 2016 after restoring the 1987.1 Boxster that he and his wife, Sarah, drive at various Potomac and national events. Together, they have attended many Driver Education, Drive & Dine, Rally and Treffen events.

Alan's first Porsche was a 1970 911T that he wishes he still had today – despite the constant attention it demanded through the seasons. The Porsches that followed were all 911s, with a brace of 996s (one turbo) and a hat-trick of 997s. His car back-catalog includes over 90 cars, ranging from a dreadful, slime green Simca 1100, to a magnificent Citroen SM in Burgundy Red (a strangely popular color in France).

Alan has held two responsible roles in Potomac: Vice-Chair of Drive & Dine, and Co-Editor of Der Vorgänger. He also has the involuntary condition, Johnny-on-the-spot-itis, which results in his appearance at a lot of our events.

Alan loves spending time with Alex and Rosie, his two grown-up kids in the UK. Moving to the US in 2016 wasn't easy, but he and they still get together and share Marmite on toast.

The skills and experience that Alan believes will be relevant to the role of Secretary includes his ability to listen, read and write, and tell the difference between them. He reads in his native English and writes on a keyboard with three fingers and two opposable thumbs, although the spelling can stray into outlawed, pre-1776 language. Alan adores taking the time to be brief. Sadly, his communications tend to be rather long, but do eventually get to the point.

Alan struggles to write seriously about himself in the third-person, but hopes members will trust him to take club matters seriously.



ED HAHN
VICE PRESIDENT

Ed Hahn's fascination with cars and Porsches began while he was in high school, where he became friends with his chemistry teacher who owned a 1977 930 Turbo and also restored Corvettes and Austin Healeys on the side. After driving a Mazda FD RX-7 and a Lotus Elise, Ed purchased a 2012 Peridot Green Cayman R and joined the Porsche Club in 2011. Ed's current ride is a 2016 GT4. He began doing Drivers' Education events even before joining the PCA, and currently volunteers as a Track Steward. During Club Race weekend, you can find Ed in the Timing and Scoring building, assisting the national officials in generating qualifying lists and determining finish order, as well as using this information for Potomac's Rock the Summit Club Race awards.

Ed served as Membership Chair from 2014 to 2021, and as Potomac Secretary in 2022. As Membership Chair, Ed had gotten to

know a bit about each of the programs, as he created the weekly PCA Potomac Friday email about upcoming events, and generated the monthly mailing lists for Der Vorgänger. His various efforts were recognized by former president David Dean with a President's Award in 2017.

In his professional life, Ed is an aeronautical engineer by training, and has been fortunate to work in aviation his entire career. He currently works on aviation safety issues involving airline pilot interactions with new Air Traffic Control technologies and procedures. Debra Pool, his wife of 25 years, is recently retired also from a career in aviation. In addition to PCA, his other hobbies include watch collecting, photography, and listening to music.

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STEVE BOBBITT
PRESIDENT

Steve Bobbitt joined PCA in 2014 after purchasing his first Porsche, a 5-speed Meteor Grey Metallic 2008 Cayman, and immediately participated in the Autocross School and High-Performance Driving Clinic. Since then, he has continued to participate in Autocross and DE events, becoming a Nationally Certified HPDE Instructor in 2018 and serving as Autocross Chair in 2019 and 2020. Steve has also volunteered at Potomac's Club Race as the Steward's Assistant from 2017 to 2020. After participating in over 30 PCA Potomac activities in 2019, he took home the coveted Enthusiast of the Year award at the annual awards banquet in 2020. He served as Secretary in 2021, Vice President in 2022, and is looking forward to serving the club as President in 2023.

Steve's passion for PCA and these amazing vehicles started at an early age when he first laid eyes on his uncle's 911 and heard about the club. Over the years, his cousins, father, and brother all acquired their own Porsches (914-6, 944 S2, 993 C2S, '87 911). After graduating college and starting a career in IT, it was time for Steve to get his own and join the club.

When Steve isn't preparing his 2009 Cayman S for the next DE event or helping fellow club members work on their cars, he enjoys hiking, yoga, and playing board games with his friends.



DIANE SULLENBERGER
PAST PRESIDENT

Diane has thoroughly enjoyed meeting a diversity of Porscheophiles at scores of club events near and far--from brunches to the Bridges and Barn rally--while serving as PCA Potomac Club President in 2021 and 2022. She relished the opportunity to help our region's successful programs achieve their goals (Autocross, Club Race, Community Service, Concours, Drive and Dine, Driver Education (DE), Der Vorgänger, Club History, Legal, Membership, Rally, Safety, Skid Pad, Social, Social Media, Sponsorship, Volunteers, and Web) and to give feedback to and learn from other PCA regions and the impressive array of National programs and leadership.

She is grateful to Potomac members for helping us achieve, for the second year, national recognition for Potomac as 2nd Runner-Up for PCA's Region of the Year!! Icing on the cake was the more than 111 members who enjoyed the cars and camaraderie at the 2022 Porsche Parade in the Poconos.

Diane has been a member of Potomac since 2009 and learned first and last names by serving as DE Co-Registrar for three years. She has volunteered at the PCA Potomac Club Race since 2015 as a flagger and then with the pace car, and can be seen inspecting rotors and brake

pads during grid tech at DEs. She enjoys being a National PCA DE Instructor and Tire Rack Street Survival Coach, and discovered that the lore is true: It's fun and rewarding to teach, which improves your skills as a driver. Finding ways to make our programs even more inclusive, for example, for deaf drivers and for veterans such as through Track Heroes, has also been paramount.

She misses her Honda S2000, which sparked her DE addiction in 2000 at Summit Main. She also misses her Ducati (2008 848), which she tracked and then raced with WERA. She is grateful that owning her Porsches (2005 911, 2006 911 C2S, 2011 911 GTS) and being active in PCA Potomac have allowed her to meet a spectacular group of people and to learn their Porsche stories.

Diane has lived in the DC Metro area most of her life and is executive editor of the research journals of the National Academy of Sciences. Her husband, Scott Antonides, drives with the BMW Club and FATT, and can be spotted at PCA events. Diane also competes in National Cutting Horse Association shows on her quarter horse, Modified Cat, rides her retired show horse, Magic Lights, and teaches her border collie, Marvel, new tricks. **DV**