



Porsche Club of America  
Potomac, The Founders' Region

## 2024 Executive Board Elections

2024 PCA Potomac Elections will take place following the Annual Meeting on Saturday, December 9, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. – Location and registration details to come.

In accordance with Potomac's Bylaws, the 2024 executive officers will be elected by the membership on Sunday, December 9, 2023, at the Annual Membership Meeting. The 2024 officer candidates, proposed by Potomac's Nominating Committee, are presented below. The Past President and the President are not up for reelection because their roles are automatically advanced per the Bylaws. If you would like to nominate an additional candidate for Vice President, Treasurer, or Secretary pursuant to the Potomac Bylaws, please submit your candidate's name, along with the endorsement of five or more active Potomac members, to the 2024 Nominating Committee Chair, Diane Sullenberger ([pastpresident@pcapotomac.org](mailto:pastpresident@pcapotomac.org)), by October 27, 2023.

Your vote is important to Potomac, so we are providing two ways to vote: 1) electronically via Motorsportreg (by November 25) or 2) in person at the Annual Membership Meeting on December 9.

### **2024 EXECUTIVE BOARD:**

President: Steve Bobbitt

Past President: Diane Sullenberger

### **SLATE FOR ELECTION:**

For Vice President: Ed Hahn

For Treasurer: Stephen Kiraly

For Secretary: Alan French



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### 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 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 PCA in 2011. Ed's current ride is a 2016 GT4. He began doing Drivers Education events before joining PCA and currently volunteers as a Track Steward. During Club Race weekends, 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, Potomac Secretary in 2022, and Vice President in 2023. As Membership Chair, Ed got to know a bit about each of the programs, as he created the weekly PCA Potomac Friday email about upcoming events and generated 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. His wife Debra Pool recently retired also from a career in aviation. In addition to PCA, his hobbies include watch collecting, photography, and listening to music.



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### **STEPHEN KIRALY, TREASURER**

Stephen Kiraly has been a member of PCA Potomac 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 the 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 first 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 next DE, Debra said he couldn't take that nice car to the 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.

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 became an official steward for the DE program in 2016. The 2020 Club Race at Summit Point was his rookie debut to PCA Club Racing.

Stephen and Debra have also enjoyed the Potomac social activities. 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 they 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 987.1 Boxster that he and his wife, Sarah, drive on various Potomac events, including Driver Education, Drive & Dine and Rally. 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 many of our events.

This year as Secretary, as well as attending Board meetings, Alan organized the Open Board Meetings at Porsche Chantilly and at the Bassam Car Collection. Alan also rebuilt his track Boxster this year, after taking it off-road at Summit Point. Alan started training to become a HPDE Instructor this year too.

Alan enjoys all activities that Potomac organizes, either as participant, organizer or volunteer. He hopes to continue to share experiences, and invite members across the region to, "Give it a go!"



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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 has served as Secretary in 2021, Vice President in 2022, and 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 and his wife Lexi's 2011 Cayman S for the next DE or Autocross event, he enjoys playing with their new puppy, Nibbles, whipping up some cuisine in the kitchen, and board games with friends.



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### **DIANE SULLENBERGER, PAST PRESIDENT**

Diane Sullenberger has been a member of the Potomac Region since 2009 and enjoyed meeting members and learning their Porsche stories as President in 2021 and 2022 and Past President in 2023. She became a Motorsport Safety Foundation Level 2 Certified Instructor this year and is also a National PCA DE Instructor and a Tire Rack Street Survival Coach. She has volunteered at the PCA Potomac Club Race since 2015 as a flagger and in the pace car, helps with grid technical checks at Driver Education (DE) events, and has volunteered at Porsche Parade, Sports Car Together Fest, and Rennsport Reunion. She learned many first and last names (and the occasional middle initial) by serving as DE Co-Registrar for three years. She has tried her hand at Autocross and Rally, and enjoyed Drive and Dine, Off-Road Tours, Concours, and many Social events.

This year, a 1995 993 C4 (nicknamed Keanu by its previous owner) joined her stable. Owning her Porsches (2011 911 GTS and before that, a 2005 911 C2 and a 2006 911 C2S) has allowed her to meet a spectacular group of people. 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 raced with WERA.

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 his 2004 BMW 330i ZHP with the BMW Club and FATT, and can be spotted at PCA events. When Diane is not at the track, she competes in National Cutting Horse Association shows on her quarter horse, Modified Cat, helps with therapeutic riding on her retired show horse, Magic Lights, and teaches her border collie, Marvel, new tricks.