



## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The BPAA Nominating Committee members—Dan Bedinghaus, Anthony Perrone, Roger Philipi and Simon Shearer—were very pleased with the number of individuals interested in serving on the BPAA Board of Directors this year. All candidates were very knowledgeable, qualified and enthusiastic to give their time to the Association.

Interviews were held at the DFW Grand Hyatt at DFW International Airport and after two days of interviews and discussion, the committee recommends the following to serve as At Large Directors:

- Bill Brennan (Illinois),
- Ron Schmittou (Tennessee), and
- Marty Teifke (Ohio).

The committee also recommends the following individuals to serve as officers of the Association:

- Roger Nyquist (Oregon) as Vice President,
- John Losito (Nebraska) as Secretary and
- Andy Bartholomy (Missouri) as Treasurer.

As per BPAA bylaws, Tyler Herreman of Kansas, was elected as President-elect last year and he will assume the role as BPAA President July 1, 2025.

Please review each of the candidates' credentials on the following pages. We are sure you will find them, as we did, to be excellent representatives of the BPAA and will bring their industry knowledge and expertise to further enhance your Board of Directors.

We appreciate your consideration of these individuals and encourage you to apply to serve on the BOD if you are interested.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Schenk". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "N" and "S".

Nancy Schenk  
Nominating Committee Chair

## CANDIDATES FOR DIRECTORS AT LARGE

### **BILL BRENNAN**

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Bill began his career in the bowling industry in 2002, months after graduating from the University of Illinois. Managing his family's newly acquired center, with no bowling business experience, he facilitated the rebirth of a dilapidated center into a modern, clean and respected bowling center in the community. He credits his immediate involvement in the local and Illinois State BPAs as a key to his success. Bill, along with his family, recently purchased Arena Lanes in Oak Lawn, Illinois. The 40-lane center, blocks away from his home and in the community his family resides in, is a true professional dream come true. He has served for decades on the local and state boards in Illinois. His notable achievements were becoming the President of the Chicagoland Bowling Proprietors' Association and the Illinois State BPA (ISBPA) President. He was given the harrowing task of navigating Illinois proprietors through the COVID-19 pandemic and the two consequential governor-mandated shut downs. Bill led a successful effort, with his ISBPA colleagues, in suing the Governor of Illinois to resume business with fair parameters. His work with the Illinois government also helped to get Illinois centers included in the B.I.G. grant which resulted in millions of dollars in relief to dozens of centers. Bill served on the BPAA BOD as regional director from 2020 to 2024 and currently serves on the Budget and Finance, Government Affairs and Digital Marketing committees. His biggest accomplishment is his marriage of over 20 years to his beautiful bride, Sharon, and their three wonderful, trouble-making sons.

### **RON SCHMITTOU**

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Ron Schmittou is Executive Vice President of Strike and Spare which operates 15 locations across Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana. He has served as a BPAA Director at Large for the past two years. Ron is involved in the day-to-day operations of these centers, both large and small, with a thorough understanding of traditional centers and FECs. Ron graduated from Texas A&M with a degree in marketing and feels strongly all the advertising the BPAA does is very important as many small centers do not have resources to advertise. He is a member of MUBIG and worked closely with state and local governments on guidelines for re-opening processes after COVID. In 2021 he started a new tournament, the Strike & Spare Open, and served as tournament director. Although Ron has not been in the bowling industry as long as some, he was a very successful salesman for Terex Services and Crane America, and brings a fresh perspective to the industry. He also brings over 20 years' experience in customer service, training and "best practices." In the past six years he's been overseeing 13 center managers and has shared profit/loss analysis with them and implemented standard operating procedures to show them how best to run the centers.

### **MARTY TEIFKE**

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Marty is a second-generation proprietor of Timbers Bowling Lanes in Maumee, Ohio. His father, Howard, purchased the center in 1968 and after Marty served four years in the Marine Corps, he joined the family business in 1988. He started at the front counter then became interested in the pro shop. After 12 years managing the pro shop, he started operating and managing the center becoming sole proprietor in 2019. Marty is proud of Timbers Bowling Lanes being a 76-year BPAA member. He has worked as the coordinator for the Greater Toledo in-school bowling program reaching over 4,000 youth each year for 25 years and was the local high school bowling coach for 10 years. Marty served as President of the Toledo BPA and President of Bowling Centers' Association of Ohio (BCAO). He currently serves on the BCAO Executive Board and the BPAA Smart Buy committee. Marty has two daughters he is looking forward to teaching and passing Timbers on to.

## OFFICER CANDIDATES

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### ROGER NYQUIST | VICE PRESIDENT

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Roger Nyquist has owned Lakeshore Lanes in Albany, Oregon, for nearly 40 years. At 19 he negotiated the sale of his parent's bowling center only to buy it back five years later. He relocated the center to a new location and building that includes a sports bar, redemption arcade and miniature golf course. As Commissioner of Linn County (Oregon) for over 20 years, he lobbies for legislation and programs to champion local businesses. With this experience, Roger was an easy choice to chair BPAA's Government Affairs committee, and he proved very beneficial to BPAA members during the pandemic. He was instrumental in helping proprietors navigate the government aid programs and alleviate stringent regulations in many states. Roger also worked closely with the BPAA to develop a Resource Center for proprietors. In addition to his involvement on the Linn County Board of Commissioners, Roger has spent time on the Oregon Restaurant Association Board of Directors, the Albany Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and the Albany Millersburg Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors. Roger has served as Secretary for the last two years on the BPAA Board of directors and prior to that served four years as a Director at Large.



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### JOHN LOSITO | SECRETARY

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John Losito previously served as a BPAA board member for nine years, as both a Director At Large and Executive Committee member. He is the owner of Sun Valley Lanes and Games, a 55,000 sf family entertainment center in Lincoln, Nebraska. His center hosted the National Special Olympic games in 2010, the Intercollegiate Singles and Team Championships in 2012, 2013 and 2018, the 2016 World Youth Championships, the PWBA Tour in 2015, 2016, 2017, 2019 and 2021 and the 2020 Men's U.S. Open. In 2015 John served as president of the Southeast District Nebraska BPA and has been the state commissioner of the Nebraska High School Bowling Federation for 20 years. He was Nebraska Proprietor of the Year in 2006 and 2012. Nationally, John was named the 2017 Proprietor of the Year and received the BPAA President's Award in 2012. He currently serves BPAA Treasurer and most recently as Chairman of the Executive Evaluation Committee. John began bowling league at the age of four. He is a regular league bowler with a 220 average and is a current member of the PBA. He was a two-time collegiate national bowling team champion and was a three-time Academic All American. He is an ABC World Team Challenge champion and a lead instructor with the Dick Ritger Bowling Academy. John was also head coach of the Philippine National teams.



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### ANDY B | TREASURER

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Andy Bartholomy was raised in Western Kentucky. He moved to Springfield, Missouri, at the age of 14 where he fell in love with bowling. He started bowling competitively at the age of 16 while working at his first job at Walnut Bowl. By the time he was a senior in high school he was bowling professionally. In 1988 Andy purchased a 12-lane center in Marshfield, Missouri, after an injury ended his competitive play. In 1990 he purchased his second center and his third in 1993. Battlefield Lanes in Springfield was his fourth center purchased in 1994. Andy B's Entertainment Center concept was born in 2005 after he turned a struggling River Lanes in Tulsa, Oklahoma into a success story. It was the first center he bought "out of state" and another center in Andy's growing chain. The new concept was a catalyst for Andy as he fine-tuned his Andy B brand expanding to five states and a variety of center types including boutique bowling, open play and league bowling. He built two concepts from the ground up and converted three traditional centers, the latest in 2023. When Andy transitioned from bowler to proprietor at the age of 25, he learned the importance of volunteering and giving back. He served as President of the Missouri BPA where he was instrumental in creating the Heartland Association combining the strengths of three states, served as an officer with the Southwest Missouri BPA and President of MUBIG. Andy currently serves on the BPAA BOD as Southwest Regional Director and has been chairman of the BPAA Smart Buy committee for many years. Today he likes to spend his time working on his centers' operations and mentoring members who request his insight.

