

2021 OAA - MEET THE CANDIDATES

VICE PRESIDENT

KAREN HUELSMAN

WHY are you seeking a position on the board?

Primarily I would like to continue Darren Bok's Membership Engagement Vision he began during his Presidency in 2018. We knew this would be a multi-year undertaking to develop new ways to engage our OAA membership thereby insuring the vitality and relevancy of our organization into the future.

YOUR EXPERIENCE

I bring many years of volunteer Board experience to the OAA from boards of all sizes, having served in all positions including President. Girl Scouts of Western Ohio, Dayton Realtors, Fairborn Chamber of Commerce as examples. As an advocate of Policy Governance, I have served on many Bylaw committees, most recently the 2020 Dayton/Cincinnati Realtors merger bylaw committee. I have served the OAA as Director and Treasurer.

WHAT is the role of the Board?

A Board is the entity entrusted by the members with the authority to govern and lead. This requires diversity in opinion and viewpoint, and when a decision is made, speaking with one voice. Board members are also fiduciaries and visionaries that are charged with steering the organization to long term sustainability.



SUSAN JOHNSON

WHY are you seeking a position on the board?

As a former board member, I understand that it is important to be active in the future of our Association. I wholeheartedly believe in the OAA and its future is more important now than ever before. I will embrace the opportunity to promote our great industry that has given back to me so much. I respectfully ask for your support.

YOUR EXPERIENCE

Since finding the auction industry I have been fascinated with it. I look for opportunities everywhere to share the auction experience with groups and individuals. I have been licensed for 18+ years and have seen many changes in the industry, being flexible and open to change is a constant that is needed. We need to be open to change and embrace new ideas. I can do that, everyone deserves a voice to be heard, not all advice can be acted upon, but it needs to be heard. I currently have two auction companies; one specializes in Benefits and one that focus' on all other aspects including Real Estate. I love being diversified in the auction industry as it flows to the needs of our clients.

WHAT is the role of the Board?

The fundamental duties of each individual board member is to have:

Duty of Care – each board member has legal responsibility to participate actively in making decision on behalf of the organization and to exercise his or her best judgement while doing so.

Duty of Loyalty – each board member must put the interests of the organization before their personal and professional interests when acting on behalf of the organization in a decision-making capacity. The organization's needs come first.

Duty of Obedience – board members bear the legal responsibility of ensuring that the organization complies with the applicable federal, state, and local laws and adheres to the mission.



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TREASURER

CYNTHIA (CINDI) SCHILLIG

WHY are you seeking a position on the board?

I have a willingness and desire to be apart of the OAA's growth.

YOUR EXPERIENCE

I have been a business owner for 32 years, 20 years as a multi store owner in the dry-cleaning industry and now 12 years in the auction industry. I have served on three statewide Boards with Toastmasters, Rotary International and Ohio Dry Cleaners Association and National President of WGS Dry Cleaning Association.

WHAT is the role of the Board?

I believe the role of any board member is to not only listen to the needs of the membership but also to work together as a board to find solutions if needed. Most important is the promotion of the Auction Method.



DIRECTOR

JOHN P. RUCKMAN, CAI

WHY are you seeking a position on the board?

I am seeking a position on the Ohio Auctioneers Association Board because of the profound impact and value that the OAA brings to all of those in the auction industry. The OAA is an exceptional organization with influence that extends well beyond the borders of our state and one that is consistently working towards the advancement of the industry. From the time I first joined the OAA to present day, I have received tremendous value through the connections, education, and opportunities that the association has offered and I wish to aid in the continuation and improvement of that process. It is my belief that service is the best way to express the value we place on the activities, people, and organizations in our lives while also allowing us to have a positive impact upon them. It is for these reasons that it would be my great privilege to dedicate my time and effort to the furtherance of the OAA, its members, and our tremendous industry.

YOUR EXPERIENCE

Over the years I have been active on multiple boards including but not limited to Food for the Hungry, Knox County Sales Committee, The Sheep Improvement Association, and several church boards. During these terms I have had the privilege of overseeing and helping with community outreach and awareness, event logistics, and fundraising.

WHAT is the role of the Board?

The ultimate role of the board is to guide, safeguard, and manage the association. To act in the best interest of the association and its members, while continuously striving for the advancement of the auction industry.



OAA ABSENTEE BALLOT VOTING

If you wish to receive an absentee ballot you must contact the OAA in writing at director@ohioauctioneers.org by December 15, 2020.

All absentee ballots must be postmarked by December 31, 2020.

ARTICLE 5: MEMBERSHIP

5.3 Member Voting

1. Upon presenting identification or proof of membership, as reasonably required by the Association, each non-suspended member may cast one (1) vote on any matter for which the member is entitled to vote by printed ballot, absentee ballot or electronic ballot voting.
2. Auxiliary and Auction Professionals will not be eligible to vote.
3. Absentee Voting. If a member in good standing will not be able to attend the annual membership meeting, they may obtain an OAA's official absentee ballot.
 - a. Absentee ballots must be postmarked fifteen (15) days prior to the Annual Member Meeting. Return envelopes must contain a member's name and their Ohio Apprentice or Auctioneer license number on the outside front of the envelope in order to be valid.
 - b. All ballots must be complete. Upon opening the ballots, the ballot will be void if not filled out completely.
 - c. Absentee ballot will not be opened until the Annual Membership Meeting at the Annual Conference.
 - d. Members who have voted by absentee ballot and determine they wish to vote in person must notify the Election Committee the morning of the election prior to the closing of the ballot distribution. The Election committee will identify the appropriate ballot by the member's name and license number and then must destroy the absentee ballot prior to giving the member a new ballot.
 - e. A voting member may not appoint another voting member to vote, or otherwise act, on any matter for the voting member. The Association shall not accept votes on any matter taken by a Member Proxy on any Member's behalf as the Member's vote.