

Candidates running for regional executive (in alphabetical order):

Norm Murdock, Regional Executive Candidate Statement:

OVR is a terrific SCCA Region. I'm running to keep things rolling in that direction.

We face many current challenges in motorsports: Costs, Venues, Participation, Regulation, and other organizations.

Navigating these challenges will take all of us in every OVR program, pulling together as a united team. Every mechanic understands a bundle of tubing is stronger than a single unit.

Our close relationships with current Venues are extremely important to maintain, with a constant eye on keeping those ties positive.

We need to be vigilant and helpful on driver cost containment - even reductions where possible.

OVR should continue to project ideas for the long term as well. Planned giving. Scholarships to bring in new participants. Raising public awareness of OVR activities, resulting in more membership growth. Rewarding and assisting volunteer workers.

As a Director on OVR's Board I have initiated and supported the New Driver TT Scholarship Program, ensured the RallyCross Program has a chair while it explores resumption, initiated and chaired the Long Range Planning Committee, chaired the Competition Committee, promoted creation of a Marketing Committee, supported Solo, TT, and Race Programs as a participant and coach, pushed for and received format changes to OVR Divisional and Regional road racing.

My current competition interests include SCCA Road Racing (T1 Great Lakes Champion, GTL, F-Prod), Hillclimbs (Overall winner at Bellefontaine), Time Trials (Overall winner at Chattanooga), Solo events when possible, Vintage Racing (SVRA, Lime Rock, Put-In-Bay, HSR), Pro Rally (Targa Newfoundland, Ontario Performance Rally) and even some Drag Racing for giggles! As a pro driver the IMSA Firehawk and SCCA Escort Endurance series, including the Columbus 500.

To bring drivers together, I host an open luncheon gathering called Columbus Cafe Racers every month. I founded a marque club for foreign Ford cars. Operate Team Blitz, a parts supplier for classic foreign Fords. And hold a law degree used in my career in government relations.

Please use my email any time, blitz@teambnitz.com. I am eager to hear your ideas, issues, and needs involving OUR region!

Thank you. Let me earn your vote!

Z Hardesty, Regional Executive Candidate Statement:

Z Hardesty here — still short, still blue-haired, still making frog jokes at the banquet, and still ready to help the Region however I can. You may have seen me at Road Racing tech inspections, but I've also been out at Solo, RallyCross, Time Trial, Track Events, and Track Night in America. I'm most hopeful that you know me as the OVR Regional Executive for 6 of the last 7 years, because I am very proud of the work our Region has done in that time.

I've been attending SCCA events since 1980 and became a member in 1987. Most of that time has been spent as a Scrutineer. I've worked several Runoffs, and today I serve as Ohio Valley Region's Chief of Tech as well as the Great Lakes Division's Administrator of Tech. "See a need, fill a need", borrowed from Pixar's Robots, is my personal motto and I'm grateful to work alongside so many people in our Region who live that same philosophy.

I started attending Board meetings in 2016 simply to find more ways to give back to the club that had already given me so much. What I found was a dedicated group of volunteers committed to working together to find the best paths to build on a strong foundation, encouraging and managing our region's growth responsibly. They welcomed my enthusiasm, shared the history behind our successes, and encouraged me to step up. That support is what led me to run for a one-year RE term in 2019, and to keep running into today.

Since joining the Board in 2020, I've been able to stay involved in all the ways we enjoy cars in this Region. We've had our share of bumps, but we've built a thriving region, due to all of you! Each volunteer, each participant, each vote, you're exactly why OVR keeps growing and is such a great community. If you choose to keep me on as RE, I'll keep working to guide our programs and speak up for the Region as a whole, and I'll keep making sure every member knows their effort is appreciated.

If I ever win the lottery, I'll have a fleet of Miatas, one for each SCCA discipline. For now, I don't have a competition car, but my speeding ticket history might suggest otherwise. My husband votes Mustang, my son votes Corvette, but I maintain that Miata is always the answer. I hope that doesn't cost me your vote.

Candidates running for board of directors (in alphabetical order):

Alan Stamper, board of directors candidate statement:

Greetings OVR Members!

My name is Alan Stamper and I am running for a consecutive third term on the OVR board. I am asking for your vote so I may continue to work with the other board members for this great club that we are in. I have a long history with the club as an autocrosser, with my

first competition being at OSU's old West Campus lot in 1988. I am currently active in the club and am currently serving as the Time Trial Chair and the Editor of the Observer's stand. I previously served for three years as the co-chair of our Solo Program with the 2 years earlier those as OVR's Solo Safety Chief. In addition to the above, I am also a Solo Safety Steward Instructor.

I am an active solo participant and run at all OVR's Solo events. I regularly run at multiple out-of-town events each year, attending multiple events held in our neighboring regions. Travelling allows me to race against new competitors, watch and learn how those regions run and vary from ours and, most importantly, to make new friends through the sport we love. My current race vehicle is an 85' Honda Civic that runs in EP, known affectionately as either the "antique" or the "air fryer" depending on the day's temperature.

With your vote, I promise to continue my work for all aspects of our club, Road Racing, Rally-X and Time Trials, Auto-X and especially all of our volunteers. I enjoy all aspects of motorsport and will work towards growing OVR as a whole and gaining members in all disciplines.

Professionally, I am an Applications Engineer tasked with quoting assembly lines and assembly equipment. I'm responsible for creating concepts and estimating the prices of large-scale Assembly Lines. My job requires that I keep an open mind, continually learn about new technologies and processes, be creative, and to identify and adapt without bias when a better idea or solution is presented.

If re-elected, I promise that I will continue to bring that same level-headed approach to the board. To take time to understand the issues, listen to different viewpoints without bias to the origin, and work toward implementing the best solution to the challenges at hand.

Thank You for your consideration,

Brayden Connolly, board of directors candidate statement:

My name is Brayden Connolly, and I have been an active OVR member for over 20 years. I have been encouraged by many in our racing community to step up and bring a fresh perspective to the table, and I am ready to do just that. As I grew up with my race family, I began my own racing career at age 16 in OVR Road Racing with HProduction. OVR has been a great community that I have had the honor to grow up around and with.

While I have enjoyed road racing with OVR, I have also enjoyed a couple events with OVR Solo, Gridlife Time Attack, and have three HProduction Runoffs under my belt with one being a top 5 finish. I have been heavily involved with motorsports for many years. I built

my first race motor and completed a car restoration at the age of 17, and now I build motors and restore cars for a living.

If you vote for me, there are only a couple of things I would like to modernize within OVR to allow more efficiency. One thing that is most important to me, is bridging the gap between OVR disciplines. I believe there is room for growth between Road Racing, Solo, Rally, and more to share the love of the hobby. I would also like to see the grass roots I grew up around to become relevant once again. Seeing families, fans, and racers of all kinds come together, celebrate together, and be there for one another is of great significance to me. I would also like to see the community I've seen to evolve and be able to find, include, and welcome new potential members.

After years of showing up to the track, it's time to show up for the sport.

Chris Yeager, board of directors candidate statement:

I'm excited to put my name forward for the OVR Board of Directors. I've been a member of OVR and SCCA for the past seven years. For the past three years, I have served as co-chair of the Solo program. In that role, I've been privileged to work alongside a dedicated group of OVR members and chiefs who volunteer their time to make our events successful. While my participation in OVR has been focused primarily on autocross, I have also enjoyed opportunities to volunteer outside of Solo, including working timing and scoring at road racing events and helping with grid for our Time Trials program at Mid-Ohio.

As Solo co-chair, I've regularly attended Board meetings for the past three years to report on the state of our Solo program. That experience has given me a firsthand understanding of how the Board functions, the issues it addresses, and the work that goes into supporting all of OVR's programs. It has also given me an appreciation for just how many people bring their time and talents to OVR to make our region successful.

Looking forward, I'd like to see OVR continue to attract new members while placing an equal emphasis on keeping our current members engaged and involved. Autocross is a great entry point into motorsports, and I believe OVR is uniquely positioned to introduce those members to the many other opportunities our region and SCCA have to offer. Encouraging participation across disciplines strengthens both our individual programs and OVR as a whole.

One of OVR's strengths is that our members bring their own time, talents, and experiences to make the region successful. Professionally, I've practiced law for nearly 20 years, and my career has taught me to listen to different perspectives, analyze complex issues, communicate effectively, and work toward practical solutions. I believe my legal

background provides a unique skill set that I can bring to the Board and, like so many others who volunteer their talents to OVR, use to help support the region.

Ultimately, cars may be what brought me to OVR, but the people are what keep me coming back. The friendships, camaraderie, and sense of community are what make this region special. Serving on the Board feels like a natural way for me to give back to the organization. Whether or not you vote for me, I hope you'll take the time to read all of the candidates' statements and participate in the election. If you have any questions about my candidacy, feel free to reach out to me (614-216-3716 or cjy1980@gmail.com).

Erick Zanner, board of directors candidate statement:

My name is Erick Zanner and I am a candidate for your Board of Directors. My qualifications are as follows: I am an Executive Professor at Capital University (1980-current), I am also a partner in a hedge fund that I started in 2008. I am very active in my community as a board member of the Bexley Community Foundation, a member of the Financial advisory committee to the Bexley School Board. I am also a board member for the coolest Columbus company you never heard of: Priority Design. I also volunteer at OSU/The James hospital in the HOPE program working with caregivers of cancer patients. I just recently finished my chemotherapy for cancer - but I am not in remission.

But what the OVR membership is probably more interested in is my motor sports background. I joined the SCCA in 1980 and after a brief dalliance with IMSA (I am the only driver to put a car on its roof during one of the Columbus 500 races) and vintage racing (I was part of the effort that brought SVRA to Mid Ohio) came back to SCCA club racing as a driver and Steward. I am planning to be competing in this year's Runoffs. I have done solo events up at the old circle track in Powell, rally events with Columbus Rally Club and stage rallies- even the Sunriser rally in Chillicothe. There is more but it would just be an old guy telling stories.

The point of all this is that I have been around the OVR block but more importantly I know how to work with people to achieve the goals of an organization. Should I be elected I look forward to being a good steward of the region, its assets and a representative of the membership. Thank you for your time and attention - please vote!

Jude Summers, board of directors candidate statement:

Re-Elect Jude Summers for OVR Board of Director

I believe that to be an effective board member requires knowledge of OVR's overall policies, services, programs, with focus on financial responsibilities, along with balancing conflict of interest and confidentiality in some areas. Through the years of experience, I bring these attributes to the board and have done my best to share these by example with

others, not just on the board, but officers at large, and leaders within our community. I will continue to take this opportunity to uphold these qualities as the board evolves.

My reputation precedes me, having been a participant in administration positions within this region for now over 40 years. I've been involved and seen a lot of successes and growth through the years of OVR! Through the years I have served as Membership Chair, Editor of the Observer's Stand, Board of Directors, Assistant RE, plus various ad hoc committees within OVR and represented OVR as an officer within the Great Lakes Division (also as their GL Scheduler for over 10 years). Currently, my focus with OVR is as a Race Chair, Mid-Ohio – OVR Club & Pro Race liaison, and a Board of Director.

In conclusion, as a current Board member I am proud to be part of a team who is always working to make our events better and our club stronger for our membership. I'm asking for your vote to keep me as a Board of Director who is experienced and devoted to keeping our region's mission in line with operational insight for our current and future success. After all, that is the Board's job! Thank you for your consideration.

Mark Harmon, board of directors candidate statement:

My name is Mark Harmon, and I have had the honor of serving on the OVR Board of Directors during 2026. I am running for re-election to continue as a member of the OVR Board of Directors for the next 2 years.

Since Elementary School I have been an auto enthusiast; attending my first events at Lions and Orange County dragstrips. In 1997 while living in Southern California I joined the SCCA after Completing the Bob Bondurant School of Driving and the Jim Hall Kart school receiving my competition license in 1998. In 1999, I took a job transfer and moved with my family to Central Ohio. I maintained my Competition License and SCCA membership until 2004. I competed in a showroom stock Neon at both Mid-Ohio and Nelson Ledges. At the conclusion of the 2003 season, I constructed a Spec Miata and competed in that class in 2004. In 2004 the company I was employed with closed, and this caused me to sell the Miata.

In my professional life I have been in the Banking and Finance occupation since graduating College. After the company with whom I was the Chief Credit Officer closed, I became a Certified Residential Real Estate Appraiser and held this license until October 2025. I have been responsible for operations management, employee management and interface, research and report preparation, and P&L management.

In addition to my professional career, I have been appointed to and served on multiple citizen volunteer boards in Genoa Township. I am currently in my 3rd five-year term as a

member of the Board of Zoning Appeals and serve as its chairman and have not missed a meeting.

Bottom line: if selected to serve, I show up and do the work.

In 2014 I acquired a 1987 Mustang Coupe, restored it and participated in a few solo events annually as a weekend member. Until 2020. In 2021 I re-joined OVR and began participating as its Solo Worker Chief. Following the departure of the then Safety Chief, during the 2021 season there was a need for a replacement Safety Chief. I became licensed as a SSS and served in that capacity for the remainder of the season. In 2022 I became the Safety Chief. I have attended all OVR solo events for all seasons. In 2025 I became licensed as a Solo Safety Instructor.

I have attended and participated in all OVR Solo events since becoming Safety Chief. While Safety Chief I have become a Solo Safety Instructor, passed the Solo Course design class and trained multiple Solo Participants to become Safety Stewards. This summer I returned to Mid-Ohio for Time Trials and worked the grid for the event. I intend to participate as a driver at Track night in October.

In January 2026 following Board Elections I was appointed to the OVR Board of Directors for a 1year term replacing Z Hardey. Since being appointed to the OVR Board I've enjoyed the opportunity to interact with many of you at multiple solo, race and socializer events. In the coming year, I will endeavor to attend as many OVR events (Road Race, RallyX, Solo and Social Events) as possible and engage participants.

I believe we must honor the past and plan for the future. No discipline should be given priority over another. Rather than be reactive we must be proactive. While "we have always done it this way" may still work, listening and new forward thinking must also be considered. As resources, rising costs, land and venues become more challenging, it is necessary for OVR to develop a long-range plan with provisions for 1,3 and 5 years. The visioning process has begun by members of the current Board and needs to continue and include the effective use of resources both in the short term and long term.

As a member of your Board of Directors, I strive for excellence, the promotion of a welcoming environment, effectively working with fellow members and make it my mission to promote the goals and ideals of the SCCA.

Regardless of who you vote for, please take the time to vote.

If you should wish to reach out to me directly, please feel free to do so. My e-mail address is: mark.harmon@ovr-scca.org or 614-330-8014,

I thank you for your consideration.

Peggy Dietz, board of directors candidate statement:

My name is Peggy Dietz and I am running for an OVR Board position. I started in SCCA in 1994 as a crew member. The racetrack became our family's favorite place to be. The one thing I noticed from the beginning about the SCCA: it is a place where people work together, even competitors within your class. As the years passed, I began working in registration with my good friend and mentor, Dorothy Harrington. After working registration at different Great Lakes tracks, Mid-Ohio and the people from OVR became my favorites. That drove me to become a OVR dual member so I could be a part of this great club.

I have held different positions with the SCCA. For the NeOhio region, I served as treasurer and Chief Registrar. In OVR, my current position is as the Chief Registrar and I am the Chief Registrar for all SCCA road racing events (OVR & Cincinnati) at Mid-Ohio. I have an amazing team of registrars who work very hard to get drivers through the process (waivers, licenses, car/driver info) efficiently and with a smile. For the Great Lakes Division, I am currently the Divisional Administrator (DA) of Registration where I lead a session every year at Spring Training. We discuss our previous race season (issues, challenges, successes) and what's new for the upcoming season.

I feel the experience gained through the different SCCA positions will make me an asset for the Board. I want what is best for the region. I want to see the region continue to prosper, grow and be successful. I appreciate your time and hope you will vote for me.

Scott Heilman, board of directors candidate statement:

Hey OVR family. I'm Scott Hileman. I am honored to be elected as a nominee for the Ohio Valley board of directors.

A little bit about me.

I have been around the OVR since I was a little kid. Grew up at Mid-Ohio. I've been a member for 25+ years. Primarily as a road racer but have attended a few autocrosses back in the day. In 2001 I was OVR rookie driver of the year. ITB champion in 2006. I was the Champion Cup recipient in 2019. Won the regional points championship in H-Production 2019 and 2020. I've been to 5 runoffs. A best finish of 7th. But I'm working on that. Lol. I love racing and want to contribute my knowledge and experience to growing the OVR. Thank you for this opportunity!
Please vote.