



The Sweep

2019 Elections Edition

MESSAGE FROM THE ELECTIONS DIRECTOR

COUNCIL ELECTIONS

This special edition of The Sweep is to provide candidates for Council positions a forum to express their reasons for running and to say what they plan to do next year.

Very soon a ballot will be sent to you via an emailed link if you are an active, dues paid patroller or host. The election will close at 19:30 on April 8th at the General Meeting. **Please Vote** because if we have no quorum, we'll have to run it again.

Here are the candidates as of the deadline March 20th:

President	James Schuler
Vice-President	Mike Levis, Matt Wood
Patrol Chief	Rachel Leiber, heather Van Houton
First Aid Chief	Will Pardy
Associate Director	John Howard
Treasurer	Jaye Miller
Host Director	Jan Silagi
Secretary	Allen Harvey, David Winterling
Junior Trustee	Steve Giesey, Matt Rea
Nordic Director	Steve Potter

Any other nomination that may come in after the March 20th deadline may be on the ballot. There will also be a space on the ballot to write in a candidate if you so choose.

Thank you to all the candidates and members of the Nomination Committee!

Michael Klein

Senior Trustee, SH 1089



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Editor’s Note: Thank you for reading this special edition of The Sweep. We are trying to improve our communications and your ability to keep informed of the activities of YOUR PATROL. We hope to continue with this as an annual edition.

We have included all the submissions that we have received with minimal editing. The candidate statements are their own and have only been modified to fit in the format and to include pictures.

We hope this edition of The Sweep helps not only to better your understanding and selection of your Council but that it encourages you to participate.

Thank you for your service.

PRESIDENT CANDIDATES

James Schuler, President Candidate

It has been an incredible honor to be a member of Mount Hood Ski Patrol for the last 19 years. I should probably include my apprentice year and make it an even 20. In that time, it's been my pleasure to work and play with some of the finest and most dedicated people I've ever known. As I grew personally through the patrolling experience, I took on more leadership roles as a way to give something back. Those roles culminated in serving multiple positions with the Executive Council. I've been privileged to serve as Associate Director, Trustee, Assistant Treasurer, First Aid Chief and this year as current Vice President. I would now like to put that experience to good use as your President.

I feel that my own greatest strength in leadership positions has been the encouragement and guidance given to patrollers, whether with new OEC candidates or mentoring seasoned patrollers through the Instructor or Senior OEC Programs. It's incredibly rewarding to see new members taking on leadership positions. It's these newest members that most need our guidance and encouragement.

The current Council, under the guidance of Matt Rea has brought us through many challenges this year beginning with new management at all of the areas we serve. We've introduced electronic voting this year, and we started a new trial membership classification for the purpose of retaining those with years of experience as Instructors or Administrative Support, knowing that we would be hard pressed if we were to lose them. The Host program has become an indispensable partner in our work and in our play and are now taking on BLS/CPR training with us. These have all been great changes.

Every year the demands of new training requirements and opportunities from National Ski Patrol or from our own Ski Areas will always be there to challenge us and we will always rise to meet those challenges. We become better patrollers as a result and a stronger patrol. To that end, I humbly ask for your support for the new Council to come and for your vote in the election to come.

James Schuler, Vice President, AS 90481



VICE PRESIDENT CANDIDATES

Matt Wood, Vice President Candidate

My name is Matt Wood and I would love the opportunity to be your next MHSP Vice President. Most folks in MHSP know I became very active when I joined 5 years ago. I loved the challenge of OEC as a candidate and learning the basics of patrolling, and have loved every challenge I've encountered since then – even parking lot duty at the Swap!

I have been fortunate to participate in many varied activities with MHSP and NSP. I am a dual Associate and Hill Patroller, an OEC Senior, current training co-director for the Associate program and Associate apprentice coach for 4 of the last 5 years. I am an OEC instructor and have administered the OEC Refreshers for our patrol the last two years. I was the fundraising auction co-chair for the PNWD convention in 2014 and again in 2017, attending 4 of the last 5 PNWD conventions and holding proxy for MHSP voting. I have served as the MHSP awards adviser for the last two seasons and have secured over a dozen NSP Merit Stars for our heroic patrollers. I am a 2-year member of the Communications committee. I am currently a candidate for Hill Captain and plan to complete the OET Senior program next season. And I make a pretty mean Crock Pot for debrief in Govy, too...

It is this depth of experience that I trust makes me a strong candidate for Vice President. MHSP bylaws state that the Vice President has the duty to assist the President and perform her or his duties in their absence. What many do not know is that the Vice President is also an “ex officio” member of all MHSP committees and it is in this role I believe I can be of great assistance to the patrol.

If I am fortunate enough to be chosen as your Vice President, I pledge to continue learning and serving you and the membership of this patrol as the BEST patrol in the country. My goals will include:

- Fostering a culture of inclusion and acceptance on our patrol, ensuring everyone has a voice – Associates, Hillers, Nordics, and Hosts.
- Growing our team concept and team makeup.
- Improving our already strong relationships with our resorts.
- Supporting our committees and the hard work that so many of our members commit to our patrol.
- Increasing public awareness of MHSP in Portland and our region for fundraising, recruiting and cooperative community involvement.



I view patrolling and our patrol as I view life – every day gives us an opportunity to learn and do something new, to be of service to our friends and loved ones, to our mountain, and to those in need of our care. I will bring the same tenacity to the support of our committees and the growth of our patrol that I have brought to all my other work for MHSP. Thank you for your kind attention.

Matt Wood, AP/HP 1768

Mike Levis, Vice President Candidate

Looking back on my six seasons on MHSP, I can reflect on the experiences I have had patrolling, the relationships I have made, and the satisfaction I have had helping other. I have been an active OEC instructor, helping with both the annual OEC class as well as the refreshers. I had the pleasure of coordinating the YAP program for several years, and recently have started assisting with MHSP avalanche training program.

Yet, with all the above, I feel that I have gained much more than I have given. So, when the opportunity came up to take on a new role, the decision was simple.

The Vice President's role is to facilitate the smooth functioning of the many committees that operate within the MHSP governance umbrella. My approach to this is simple:

- 1) if a committee is functioning well, leave it alone. The "Don't fix what isn't broken" strategy
- 2) If a committee is struggling, help facilitate problem resolution to allow the committee to achieve its objectives.

At the end of the day, my efforts should complement and magnify the committee members efforts, to help them be more successful and to act as a liaison between the committees and the council. I would appreciate your vote.

Mike Levis, Associate Supervisor, MHSP 1742



SECRETARY CANDIDATES

Dave Winterling, Secretary Candidate

Fellow patrollers,



I am running for the position of Secretary. The Secretary has a range of responsibilities focused around providing good communications – within the Council, within patrol and with various external organizations.

Over the last year, I've attended just over half of the monthly Council meetings, and I've been impressed by the good work that Kimberly Granning has done as Secretary. I would plan to continue much of what Kimberly does each month. This includes keeping accurate, concise minutes of each meeting, so that the next Council meeting can be productive, picking up where they left off, not re-treading any issues settled the prior month, and not losing any open issues that need to be resolved.

The job scope of the Secretary mirrors much of what I do every day, Monday-Friday, on my "day job" - working with a variety of different teams to make sure that communication is good and that people are working together effectively.

In addition, my patrol experiences over the last few years should help me be a good contributor on Council:

- On-hill patrolling – many days at Timberline, plus time at Ski Bowl and Meadows. I have a good awareness of current on-hill operations and issues.
- Training – this is a very important function for MHSP. I'm an active OEC instructor, am working (slowly) on my OET instructor cert, and am currently a student in the OEC Seniors course.
- Recruiting – three years working with Rachel on our recruiting program.
- Fund-raising – worked multiple days at both Snowvana and Ski Fever each year.
- YAP program – working with several other patrollers this year to run an informal YAP shadowing program.
- HC/APC at Timberline – this is where I currently spend most of my time, working to ensure that we have good operations and good teamwork, and a strong relationship with Timberline leadership.

I have a deep respect for the history and mission of the MHSP. For me, it's very important to be a contributor to the team, and to help make this a fun and rewarding place to invest our time on weekends.

If I don't end up as the next Secretary, I will be very happy knowing that Allen Harvey is in the role - he is a great patroller and a great friend who is very qualified to do this job well.

And, if you give me the opportunity, I will work hard to be a good Secretary, supporting and contributing to the work of the Council and to the communications and operations of MHSP.

Thank you.

Dave Winterling, APC Timberline, HC 1806

Alan Harvey, Secretary Candidate

Hello fellow patrollers

I am running for the position of MHSP Secretary as I am interested in providing my skills on and off the hill. The position of Secretary appeared to me to be an opportunity to be involved in a supportive role for the counsel. I have observed the counsel at work. It is clear at counsel meetings that issues will come up for discussion which have overlap in my current career. Part of what I do on a day to day basis is advise small organizations as to the interpretation of their bylaws and the use and application of procedural rules in their executive board meetings and general meetings. I also consult and advise the organizations on how and why their bylaws can be amended or changed for the best of their respective organizations. I can see these skills having value at counsel among other similar skills I possess.



I have been involved with patrol for six years. I have spent my time trying to learn and progress on the hill, with patient care and transport. I am currently a Hill Captain (in training). My entire family in one way or another has been involved with MHSP since I joined the organization.

It is my hope to be able to serve the organization by bringing my experience from inside and outside of patrol to the counsel. I felt that it was time to try and put all my abilities to work for the best interests of the Mount Hood Ski Patrol.

In the final analysis this is the best election opportunity I have ever had. As truly in no other situation where I have run for a position in the past could I say the following: i.e. no matter who prevails at the end of the tallying of the votes, i.e. Dave Winterling or I, Mount Hood Ski Patrol will benefit from the person who will be elected secretary.

Alan Harvey, AP/HP 1737

TREASURER CANDIDATES

Jaye Miller Carlson, Treasurer Candidate

I am running for the office of Treasurer. Each council officer has been tasked to write the policies and procedures for their office. Unfortunately, the office of Treasurer is a behemoth and no one person has been able to put the information together. I have a group of assistants offering to help me. We intend to:



1. Provide monthly budgets, and profit/loss statements
2. Set-up a calendar of financial activities
3. Prepare all documentation, reference manuals, lines of communication and a "How To" Treasurer guide.
4. Continue to work with our bookkeeper and accountant and ensure we are meeting our 501c responsibilities.
5. Train someone to be the next Treasurer

As a past Council member, I can provide historical views to current discussions. Some of my goals for this next year beyond Treasurer:

1. I would like to work to with our Vice President to set-up a committee to help with and/or find resources to provide leadership training to our upcoming leaders. Some of us are natural leaders. Others are tossed into leadership without training. Some of us struggle as leaders, but we are doing our best. All of us could use some help with our leadership weaknesses.
2. Set-up a committee to review all the work it takes to keep this organization going. We have members putting in many hours behind the scenes. Many thank yous and awards are missed. Many jobs are duplicated or done over and over again because no one is tracking what's been historically done and where to find the data, contact or object.

Jaye Miller Carlson, HP AP AD #1437

PATROL CHIEF CANDIDATES

Rachel Leiber, Patrol Chief Candidate

Dear Patrol,

When I became an apprentice in 2010 I set a course, early, to gather as much experience as I could. I challenged myself by earning Senior Patroller Certification, completing APC Training, and by taking on Hill Captain responsibilities = future developing my team leadership skills. Additionally, I've coordinated Annual Chair Evac Training and serve as your Recruitment Director. These experiences have given me a well-rounded appreciation of the complexity and seriousness of our work. And I did all this while riding a snowboard at Mt Hood Ski Patrol.

I'm running for Patrol Chief, because I believe in finding ways to empower your decision-making, deliver consistent First Responder Aid and easing some operational burdens. As Assistant APC of Ski Bowl, and a Team Hill Captain at Timberline & Ski Bowl, I know the importance of a strong partnership between the APCs, Hill Captains, Associate Supervisors, Host Supervisors, Patrol Chief and the Training Director. I will put my attention there.



I also helped our organization shift to team-based staffing. As we continue to improve the teams, I want to work with the APCs, and align to new expectations of each area.

It is imperative that the APCs and Patrol Chief build and maintain strong teamwork between their areas' mgmt. and our members. My focus as Patrol Chief would be to solidify that trust, by delivering on our commitments, advocating for our members and working together above 3,500 feet. I have strong working relationships with Ski Patrol leadership at Timberline Ski Bowl and Summit and I look forward to working with Roger Meier, Meadows APC to maintain our partnership with Meadows. I also want to meet with Search and Rescue leaders at Teacup Nordic areas – with our Nordic leaders.

As Patrol Chief, I will strive to understand and respect the history of MHSP, the Division, and NSP, while helping us adapt to changing times.

My three areas of focus

1. Excellence and continuity of services & training across all programs.
2. Adapting service delivery to the areas' independent needs.
3. Building healthy culture by encouraging inclusivity, celebrating others' contributions and servant leadership – the model of leading by asking others what I can do to help them to be successful.

Additionally, I am from Oregon. I have 15 years of experience working in healthcare and I am a general manager for a health tech company. I have a balance of healthcare experience and operational leadership.

Finally, I'm honored to run against hVH – who believes in this organization as much as I do. I'm just glad to know that there will be a woman in office.

Thank you and I hope I earn your trust and vote. See you on the Hill.

Rachel Leiber, Recruitment Director, Sr. Patroller, HC 1687

heather Van Houten, Patrol Chief Candidate

I've been a member of ski patrol for 17 years. My prior experience as a first responder, as well as a background in teaching, health, and fitness made patrolling and instructing a natural next step. I've been a very active patroller by being both a volunteer and pro patroller over the years. I coordinated and taught toboggan enhancement seminars to women in the PNWD for over six years prior to going to graduate school to become a physician assistant. I've taught tobogganing skills throughout the West to patrols in Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Utah, Montana, Colorado, and at the NSP National Convention. I was an assistant regional OET advisor for Southern Idaho two years prior to graduate school, OET IT status, while also holding an assistant pro patrol director position at Bogus Basin where I managed the night patrol, which consisted of approximately 40 patrollers, both pro and volunteer. I was also a hill captain with Bogus Basin for four years.

Since transferring to MHSP I've been very active with OEC and Toboggan Training, which includes being a toboggan(OET) IT, the newsletter editor for 19 months, helping with tryouts the last three years, and serving as junior trustee, a hill captain, and the training director this past year. As the training director, I've worked with the ski areas and the APCs in coordinating multiple training events this season along with helping at Chair Evac. and with getting Self Evac. training up and running. I helped facilitate MHSP teams this past season by collecting patroller's requests for teams and outlining what was done the year before in conjunction with area requests moving forward to this season, which has resulted in higher than 90% fulfillment to the ski areas at this time. I've also been a practicing physician assistant since 2016 working in pain management and addiction medicine.



As Patrol Chief, I will continue building the camaraderie I've developed with the areas and amongst all of you. I have known and worked with Mel Toney at Meadows for years before I was an official member of MSHP due to divisional toboggan clinics. As a MHSP member, I've diligently communicated with Roger Meier (our APC), Mel and her paid staff to ensure high proficiency teamwork and training for MHSP members, with a total of 9 days over there this season thus far. I also have a solid working relationship with Libby Korocho at Timberline and our APC, Dave Winterling. Though my relationships with them has not been as long as with Meadows, I feel I have a good open dialog with them. I was able to get to know Matthew Hoppe last summer by patrolling over 8 days at Skibowl. Through the newest area interaction, I've found Hoppe to be open, straightforward and helpful. With Harms and Leiber at the helm as, APCs there, I look forward to helping to continue to build this working relationship between MHSP and Skibowl management.

Training is a huge part of my patrol life; with help from our instructor cadre I'd like to develop a clearer path for patrollers to become instructors in our current disciplines. As OEC has led this charge, I hope to use their expertise in development and consistency in this regard.

I would like to offer more cross support to the Hosts regarding their continuing education and to create opportunities for more interaction between Hosts and Patrol off-duty in order to build better communication on-duty within the different aspects of our responsibilities to the areas.

I am very open to hearing people's ideas and thought processes as to how the patrol has operated in the past and how it should move forward into the future. I am not a closed book when it comes to trying new things. I do have my own ideas and past experiences which I hope to meld with many of yours' to continue to make MHSP great! With gratitude and humility I would be honored to serve as your next Patrol Chief. I would appreciate your support and your vote!

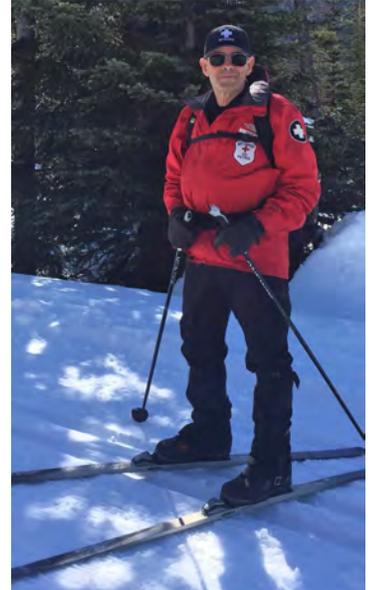
Sincerely,

heather Van Houten (hVH), Training Director, Sr Patroller, HC 1793

NORDIC DIRECTOR CANDIDATES

Steve Potter, Nordic Director Candidate

I am honored to be a candidate for re-election to the position of Nordic Director. I will open by stating that this season our Nordic patrol has continued in a unified direction with supporting procedures of the past couple of seasons. In developing a good working relationship with the Teacup Lake Nordic Club we now have a focus upon serving as ambassadors for the area on weekends, Wednesdays, Fridays, and for special events. With the recognition of Teacup Lake as a winter recreational facility the Nordic patrol involvement has become more dedicated to patient care, to the care of the facility, and in providing host services. Additionally the Nordic patrol is currently working with the Hood River County Sheriff's office providing services for patient search, patient care, and patient transportation within the Teacup Lake area and beyond. If elected I would continue all of these current endeavors. Further I would continue with our efforts to refine our relationship with Hood River County, the primary goal being to continue to meet the requirements for recognition as an Oregon SAR Group.



The Nordic patrol developed an internal advisory group in the 2017-2018 season to discover, investigate, and take appropriate actions concerning our operations. This group includes patrollers of varying ages, skiing disciplines, backgrounds, and abilities. Many concepts for dealing with issues have been shared with great results. Due to scheduling issues, although still active, this group has not met this season. If reelected I would encourage this group as there seem to be new prospects and concerns arising all through our Ski season. The needs of the area, the public, and the patrol are constantly changing presenting new challenges and opportunities.

Thank you for your time and for considering me for your next Nordic Director.

Sincerely:

Steve Potter, NP/AP 1630, Nordic Director

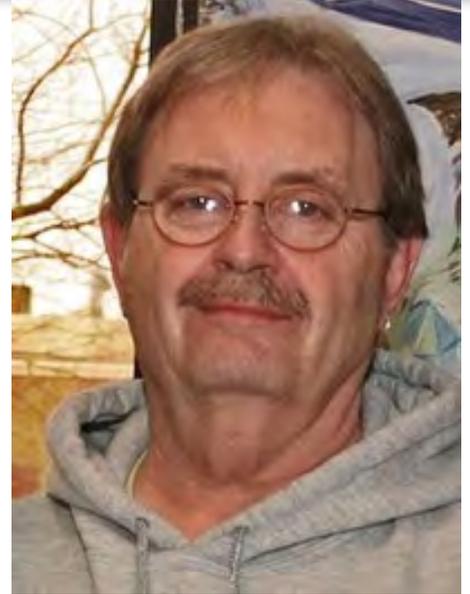
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR CANDIDATES

John Howard, Associate Director Candidate

Dear Patrol,

I am running for the position of Associate Director as I am now in a work situation that will allow me to give back to MHSP, other than just on the weekends.

John Howard, APC Timberline, SS 90227



HOST DIRECTOR CANDIDATES

Jan Silagi, Host Director Candidate

Hello Fellow Hosts!

I am pleased to announce that I am running for Host Director. I had the pleasure of serving in this position during the 2012-2013 and 2014-2014 seasons, and am looking forward to contributing again.

We started this season with a renewed focus on pre-season refresher training which benefited all of us and was positively received by the resorts. My goal is to build upon this return to annual training and expand our focus on the guest relations work that is the center of our Mission Statement. Additionally I would reinstate our Host Manual as a resource for annual membership expectations, as well as resort-specific duty stations and responsibilities.

We made great strides toward certification in Basic Life Saving (CPR) this year. Approximately half our members were certified this past fall, and beginning with the fall 2019 season, BLS certification will be a requirement of membership. I'd also like to make the Outdoor First Care course available to all interested Hosts. This course is a one-time certification that trains participants in basic first aid in the outdoor environment and will provide us with skills that will help us support our patrol colleagues at the scene of a 1050.



On an administrative level, I'd like to streamline our representation to the resorts and engage those individuals more as liaisons for procedural changes and monitoring our weekly dispatch. This restructuring will improve communication with all our supervisors, thus improving communication with our members as a whole.

We have changes ahead of us in the coming years as the mountain resorts expand recreation opportunities on Mt. Hood. We are privileged to be members of the premier volunteer organization on the mountain with a legacy of service that expands more than 80 years. Our contributions to the recreation community are the stuff to be proud of. I am very proud of my years of service as a Mountain Host and would appreciate your vote to represent you within MHSP at Host Director.

Jan Silagi, Host Supervisor, HDA Host Uniforms, HS 60054

FIRST AID CHIEF CANDIDATES

Will Parady, First Aid Chief Candidate

For those of you that don't already know me, my name is Will Parady and I'm running again this year for my second term as First Aid Chief.

For the last seven years, I've attended every OEC class either as a student, assistant, or instructor. For each of the previous two years, I've been the Instructor of Record for the OEC class which is the person who is responsible for training the new OEC students.

The duties of First Aid Chief consist of **2 primary responsibilities**. These include:

1) **Instructing the new OEC students.** I enjoy, know, and love training the new OEC students. On this note, I simply could not do this job without the institutional knowledge of Kathy Lee and Cleo Howell. They trained and mentored me throughout this process. As they both know, I constantly reference/pester them throughout the year to figure out how things really work throughout this patrol. The thanks I have to these two people are profound.

2) **Running the OEC Patroller Refreshers.** On this second responsibility, I've had the good fortune of working with Matt Wood who took on ALL of the responsibilities of running the OEC Patroller Refreshers. Should I become First Aid Chief again, I sincerely hope that he will continue to run the Refreshers. Matt, thanks for doing half my job.



Several years ago I became a "Senior" by completing my Senior OEC and Senior Ski & Toboggan Training. I got a patch for that!!!

When possible, I enjoy helping out with Recruitment, Senior OEC Training, and Refreshers.

I'm designated as both an Associate and a Hiller. I PERSONALLY believe that strong Associate Training provides better first aid training for ALL patrollers.

This year, I've been training to be a Hill Captain at Timberline under Scott Collier, along with training as Hill Coach under our Training director Heather Van Houten.

I look forward to serving as your First Aid Chief, and am asking for your support.

Will Parady, First Aid Chief, AP/HP 1744

JUNIOR TRUSTEE CANDIDATES

Matthew Rea, Candidate for Junior Trustee

Members of Mt. Hood Ski Patrol, for the last two years it has been my honor to serve as the President of Mt. Hood Ski Patrol. While I am ready to hand off the leadership of this great organization to another experienced and qualified patroller, I am willing and able to continue serving on the Executive Council in the Junior Trustee position.

While MHSP doesn't have a formal Ex Officio role for our past Presidents, we do have the Trustee positions, which were established for three-year consecutive terms to ensure that senior members of the organization have an opportunity to provide institutional knowledge to our Executive Council. That is primarily what I would bring with me if you choose to elect me as your Junior Trustee, an in-depth knowledge and background of the work of the Executive Council over the past three seasons. I started on the Council as the Junior Trustee three seasons ago before moving on to President after one year and would welcome the opportunity to come back and finish the Trustee job that I started.



I hope that you approve of the job that I and the rest of the Executive Council have done managing MHSP over the past two seasons. In general, I am pleased with our accomplishments. We are financially very sound. We have successfully implemented a team approach at the three major areas that we serve and our relationship with area management and paid patrol staff is as positive as I remember. The areas truly appreciate the consistent, solid, quality volunteer patrol and host services that MHSP provides to them.

To be sure, there is more work to be done. Some of the things that I would like to focus on in the coming season if you elect me to continue to serve on the council include:

- Updating our bylaws and policies and procedures documents consistent with the goals and objectives formulated under the MHSP Vision 2020 Program;
- Fully implementing the App-based dispatch system that we have been working on;
- Continuing to more fully integrate the Host program with MHSP;
- To provide additional training for our instructors and to seek to improve the quality of instruction in all our core skill venues: OEC, OET, MTR and Avalanche.

Matt Rea, MHSP President, HC 1138

Stephen Giesey, Junior Trustee Candidate



No statement submitted.

Stephen Giesey, Associate Director, AS 1660