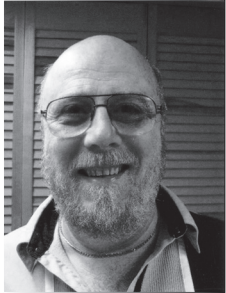




2009 AAW Board of Directors Nominees A-Q

Kurt Hertzog Henrietta, New York



An interest in woodturning led me to the 2000 AAW Symposium in Charlotte and I've been hooked ever since. My home, near Rochester NY, puts me within reach of five AAW chapters. I have been an active member in four of those chapters, served as an officer in those four, and am currently an officer in two. My passion for woodturning, teaching, demonstrating, and being part of

the planning and operation of these chapters has led me to seek a position on the Board Of Directors.

As an electrical engineer, I've spent over 35 years designing products, tooling, manufacturing processes, and managing people. From computer system design to building high volume production complexes for the automotive industry, I've been involved with solving problems, meeting budgets, and aggressive timetables. Currently, I manage a department of development engineers and the capital spending budget for Advanced Engineering for my company worldwide. Both are multi-million dollar responsibilities. I've always been involved with working with many and varied people. While I emphasize my experience in planning, executing projects, and managing resources (time, money, and people), I believe my most valuable experience comes from working with people.

Explosive growth in woodturning has made the continued scaling of AAW operations a priority. The organization has huge upside potential with only a fraction of woodturners as AAW members. Providing quality, cost effective services to our rapidly expanding membership, expansion of educational materials, print and electronic communications, and chapter support mechanisms requires planning, funding, and execution. Sound management skills, technical savvy, and good people skills will be important in service to the membership. I have the desire and, I believe, the skills to assist with this effort. I ask for your support to give me the opportunity to serve all of the members of the AAW. Thank you.

Dale Larson Gresham, Oregon



This is my 30th year of woodturning. In 1989 I saw an ad for the AAW Symposium in Seattle, Washington. I decided to attend it and when I entered the instant gallery, I was amazed by Frank Cumming's carved, inlaid goblets and Ron Fleming's lily vase. That symposium changed the path of my life and I have been a member of AAW since then. Woodturning has taken me all across the United

States and to four foreign countries. I have had the pleasure of hosting woodturners from around the world in my shop for demonstrations and classes. I am appreciative of the AAW for providing me with an education in woodturning and helping me become a serious wood turner.

In 1990 Dennis Stewart started the Cascade Woodturners in Portland, Oregon. I was a founding member and have twice served as president. I currently host an open shop Saturday each month at my shop where our more experienced members help new members with projects and tools. Last year Tom Reiman and I coordinated the local support for the AAW symposium in Portland, Oregon. That experience opened my eyes to what it takes to run a major organization.

I owe a great deal to the AAW and would be proud to serve as a board member. I want to keep AAW's focus on the education of woodturning. At the same time I feel it is critical to keep the professional studio turners involved with AAW. They are a great source of energy and new ideas that can spread to other woodturners. I see the AAW expanding the exchange of ideas and woodturning around the world. I want to continue AAW's educational grant program to schools and members. I respectfully ask for your vote to be a member of the AAW board. Thank you.

Binh Pho Maple Park, Illinois



I have been an AAW member for 15 years and have served on the Professional Outreach Program Committee since its inception, member of Woodturners of St. Louis, Chicago Woodturners, honorable member of Carolina Mountain Woodturners, Woodturners of Southwest Florida.

I also a member of Woodturning Center for 14 years, and also serving on the board of director

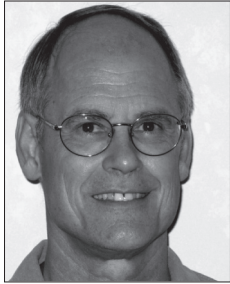
of Collectors of Wood Art since 2003 and have been organizing the woodturning demo booth at SOFA Chicago (Sculpture Objects Functional Art), a collaborative project between AAW and CWA to promote wood turning into the art world.

In my other career, I gain experience in leadership and management, I am a National Operation Manager in Critical Power division, managing multi million dollar business with continuous growth. Our AAW is growing rapidly, I feel I can help our organization move toward to successful future. I am honored to be considered to serve on the board, I will do my best.



2009 AAW Board of Directors Nominees R-Z

Joe Ruminski Fairview, North Carolina



I have worked in public education for thirty years as a teacher and principal. Knowing that I was going to retire I took my first woodturning class nine years ago and was hooked. During this class the students were encouraged to join a local woodturning club and the American Association of Woodturners. The local club for me was the Carolina Mountain Woodturn-

ers in Asheville, NC. I have been a member for over seven years now. During these seven years I have spent six of them in active service. I have served as an officer for four years. This past year of service was as president of CMW. I am continuing to serve on the Board of Directors. One of the major projects that I helped to get off the ground during this time is our traveling Turning Learning Center. This is a complete mobile classroom with eleven stations that is used to teach turning to members and used as a public educational service program. Through this service I have gained much more than I have given by seeing the satisfaction of others' success.

Being a member of AAW for the past several years I have gained an appreciation for the quality service AAW provides members and the general public. I understand the amount of work that goes into seeing anything done well. If elected to the AAW Board of Directors I will work hard to support the purposes of the organization. With my experience in education and working with youth I feel I can be supportive in helping AAW grow in these areas. Having been fortunate enough to travel to many other clubs doing demonstrations and teaching in different art schools, my awareness of members' desires and needs for good positive educational programs has grown stronger. I hope that by serving on the AAW Board I will have the satisfaction of knowing I helped the AAW and individual clubs succeed to meet higher standards. Thank you for considering me as a candidate for the AAW Board of Directors.

Cassandra Speier Germantown, Tennessee



I love woodturning! I love everything about it...the sounds...the smells...the curls of wood flying everywhere! And I fell in love with it the very moment I stood watching a demo at the Memphis Annual Pink Palace Crafts Fair. That Christmas I got my first lathe and set upon a journey I predict will take a lifetime to explore.

In 2005 I served as President of the Memphis Midsouth Woodturners Guild. During my tenure as President, we accomplished many things and that which I am most proud was MSWG's 2007 collaborative exhibit at Christian Brothers University's Ross Gallery. MSWG was selected to "open the season" for the Gallery and showed off our talent for turning wood into art. The 2007 exhibit has led to an invitation to establish a permanent exhibit of MSWG's woodturnings at CBU.

I have spent my health care career committed to the highest quality services for patients, employees and physicians. I currently work for a publicly-traded healthcare company, and as Senior Vice President of Operations, I manage \$60M of its business. I have learned much during my 20+ year journey in management. . . it's about listening, commitment and passion; adding value and seeking the next step no matter how risky; thinking big but acting small; having a sense of humor; and being humble and grateful.

As I consider my contribution to AAW, I reflect to my career which has been spent with companies evolving from small start-up's into large publicly-traded organizations. An important achievement during this evolution is to think like a Fortune 500 company, yet retaining a small company feel, avoiding unnecessary bureaucracy and, most importantly, staying very close to that which is important to its constituency. AAW appears to working through a similar evolution, and I believe my background will prove to be an asset in chartering the course through this tricky process.

I ask for your support in joining the AAW Board of Directors, and if successful I will bring to this task my passion for woodturning, my business background and leadership talents. I believe I can help in the continuing mission of AAW to make the art of woodturning accessible to everyone who finds wood irresistible!

Walter Tate Tyler, Texas



I am asking you to elect me to AAW Board of Directors for several reasons. First, while the AAW has been a valuable resource to those of us who are involved in the art, craft and science of woodturning, I believe there is much more it can do to advance our interests. I want to contribute my ideas, work with the other board members and influence the direction the AAW will

take in the next several years.

Second, my education and management skills are a good match for the AAW Board of Directors. I have a BS in Mathematics and an MBA. I spent over 35 years in the computer industry, much of that time as an executive responsible for long range business planning. I moved to Tyler, Texas and joined the East Texas Woodturners in 1996. I served two years as Newsletter Editor and in 2003 I represented the club at the founding meeting of the South-West Association of Turners (S.W.A.T.). I was elected to the S.W.A.T. Executive Committee where served two years as secretary/treasurer, one year as vice-president and two years as president. During my terms in office S.W.A.T. has become the premier regional woodturning symposium in the world with 586 attendees in 2007.

Third, I will conclude my S.W.A.T Executive Committee management term on December 31, 2008. While I will continue to support S.W.A.T as a volunteer, I will be able to devote my time and energy to the AAW and I will bring the same level of energy, commitment and management skill to the AAW that I have brought to S.W.A.T. during the past six years.

If you elect me to the AAW Board of Directors, I promise to represent all the members of the AAW to the best of my ability.