



Executive Council Statement of Candidacy

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1. Please tell us a little about yourself, most importantly why you are interested in serving on the Executive Council.

I purchased my first Airstream in 2015 and it was, as I suspected it would be, life changing. I joined the club right away and that membership has led me to lifelong friendships, amazing travel ventures, and a much improved existence.

My desire to serve on the Executive Council is to aid in the continuation of the Clubs growth and success.

2. What is your passion for the Club?

I knew the club was a good fit for me fairly soon after joining and the joy and adventure it has added to my life inspired me to become a Life Member.

I take great pride in membership and love to introduce Airstream owners to the club. Sharing the clubs rich history gives me great personal satisfaction.

3. What has inspired you to commit to a two (2) year term on the Executive Council?

After service at the local level, I knew I had more to give to my club. Becoming a member of the Executive Council has helped me to learn even more about how to help the club and its membership to grow and thrive. It is my desire to continue to do that and more.

4. What areas of expertise would you bring to the Executive Council, and ultimately our membership? (E.g. Strategic Planning, Financial Management, Marketing, Leadership, etc.)

I bring many years of experience in dealing with people, leadership, crisis and emergency management, negotiations skills, team building, and more.

My years in Law Enforcement and Corrections, taught me patience and the value of good timing. My time as a Real Estate Broker, taught me financial strategy and more.

My time as a stand up comedian taught me when to stop talking!

5. If you have served, or are serving on one or more professional, recreational, city/county/state, charitable or other volunteer board(s), how would you bring those experiences to the members of the Executive Council and how do you envision positioning the Club for continued and sustainable growth?

I started a charity while living in Michigan, whos main purpose is bringing services and warm items to the homeless and underserved communities.

Being grateful for what we have and learning how to share with others is a large part of our clubs history.

I would like to see our organization continue to serve others as we travel in our Airstreams. Examples

of service have been seen after natural disasters, for example the flooding in West Virginia during our international rally. Our members stepped up and aided the community in many ways. When we work together and show our hearts as the great club we are, then we continue to let the world see our value. This attracts more people to us and reflects our nature and our values. That can only serve to grow this great group.

6. What accomplishments related to a project, board, business life, or other activity achieved a positive change?

I have had many a positive outcome as a result of many dealings with all types of people in my career.

My charitable organization donated over 15,000 hand crafted items to the homeless since its inception in 2012.

7. Where would you go to learn more about an alternative perspective presented to you, and from whom would you gather the information?

The answer to this question lies in the people you meet. Getting out and surrounding oneself with many type of folks from all walks of life can only bring knowledge and understanding. Taking the time to listen to others, hear their ideas and suggestions, can bring new perspectives. Meeting others in different regions of our club helps me to learn so many new things. Ideas must be shared to grow.

8. What strategies have you used to build consensus with those who held differing viewpoints?

I find it best to ask many questions when learning other people's viewpoints. Checking and checking again, to see if I understand where they stand usually ends up with discoveries that we share similar points of view more often than not. Once you find common ground, great things can happen.

9. Describe how you would create and ensure an inclusive environment.

When people are made to feel heard, they will feel welcomed.

I believe we need to act in a manner that is both professional and relaxed.

Most people enjoy talking about themselves and their experiences. So I ask questions to learn more about the person. Being sincere and interested in what others have to share is paramount to helping them feel included.

10. What do you feel is the single greatest opportunity for our Club? How would you work with the International Board of Trustees to expand the opportunity?

Improving our relationship with Airstream, Inc and their dealerships can certainly aid in growing memberships and keeping them involved can help renewals. Making sure folks want to continue is the key. Our local and regional officers have the opportunities to gather and share their knowledge to help to grow this organization.

11. What do you see as the single greatest challenge for the Club? What steps would you take to course correct the challenge?

Renewal of memberships year after year, to me, is the single greatest challenge for this club. We can always get new members but keeping them engaged, onboard, and involved is the goal. Getting folks to continue to act as volunteers is so important. We need to keep it fun!

12. Have you served two (2) years on the International Board of Trustees as a Region President or Executive Council member?

No

Our members may wish to learn more about you, or ask some additional questions regarding your candidacy. Please indicate your preferred method of contact and include hours of availability & time zone:

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