Thursday, March 13, 2025

Executive Council Statement of Candidacy

<u>Please note: If unable to complete the Statement in one sitting, it will be lost. You may want to write down your answers first and then complete the electronic form</u>.

Thank you for your interest in a leadership role in Airstream Club International (ACI). Our members may wish to learn more about you or ask additional questions regarding your candidacy. After listing your personal information, please indicate your preferred method of contact and include hours of availability, time zone, phone number and Email.

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1. Please tell us about yourself, most importantly why you are interested in serving on the Executive Council. (1200 characters max)

Volunteer work with this club has become a large part of my life over the past few years. I love meeting with other members and helping new members get settled in. Service on the EC has helped me to facilitate new programs as well as improve existing systems. I'd love to serve one last term if elected, in order to see things through.

2. What areas of expertise would you bring to the Executive Council, and ultimately our membership. (E.g. Strategic Planning, Financial Management, Marketing, Leadership, etc.)? (1200 characters max)

I've helped to develop and plan our last two strategic sessions in Jackson Center where the IBT meets with the staff at Airstream and helps to develop best practices and formulate new events, systems, and experiences for the club.
This in person session allows us to develop team skills and a solid work product. Having served on the EC as Vice President has taught me leadership skills above and beyond what I already had in my old pre retirement life.

3. What volunteer roles have you served in, or are currently serving in, and how would you bring those experiences to the Executive Council? Volunteer roles may include ACI, professional, recreational, city/county/state, charitable or other volunteer board(s), and other such activities. (1200 characters max)

I have served as a local club president (Southeastern Camping Unit) and a member of the EC as Vice President. I serve on the finance committee as well.
I developed a charitable organization in 2012 in Detroit Michigan that to this day still serves the homeless, veterans, seniors, and underserved communities.

4. Teamwork and collaboration are essential and expected of all International Board of Trustee members. If you are chosen as a new member of the Executive Council, please describe how you would integrate into the team and contribute productively and collaboratively to support the Club's future vision .

I will share my past work and experiences and help new EC members to get accustomed to how the club structure works in things such as writing and putting forward motions, development of new systems and teamwork. My prior experience on the board can be shared and used to teach others.

5. What do you feel is the single greatest challenge for our Club? What steps would you take to meet this challenge and bring about positive change? (1200 characters max)

Helping to attract new members and maintain their memberships year after year is very important to the life and longevity of this club. Developing ways to train volunteers and have their experiences be enjoyable so they get the most from each other is a priority. Continuing development of training systems for volunteers at all levels is integral to this goal. I would continue to work toward this success.

6. What would you like the members to know about you that hasn't been asked? (1200 characters max)

I'm a trained hostage negotiator. From my past life. I can get along with anyone. I am a peacekeeper at heart and feel my love for this club can be infectious! I would love the opportunity to meet each and every member of this club.

7. Have you served a term on the International Board of Trustees as a Region President or Executive Council member?

Yes

8. If elected to the Executive Council, would you be interested, when eligible, for the position of President, Vice President, or Recording Secretary? If so, please check all roles you are interested in.

President

Watch Candidate's Video on YouTube