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DOUG HAMLIN
Executive Vice President

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Dear Voting Member,

Your NRA has been through a great deal over the past several years. Together, we have worked hard to restore good governance, fiscal responsibility, and integrity to this historic organization. I want to acknowledge and apologize for missteps of the past — they will not happen again. Today, strong oversight protocols are in place, including a Chief Compliance Officer who ensures that our operations and policies meet the highest standards of accountability.

Your voice has been instrumental in electing fiscally responsible directors over the past election cycles, and that commitment is paying off. I am pleased to report that the NRA achieved a balanced budget for 2025 — the first in many years — and we expect the same in 2026.

Now, I urge you to once again perform your duty as a Voting Member and participate in this year's Board of Directors election. You are receiving this ballot because you are a Life Member or have maintained at least five consecutive years of membership. Please take the time to review the candidate biographies carefully and vote for those who will continue to advance transparency, accountability, and our mission to defend freedom.

Your NRA remains steadfast in rebuilding and strengthening the programs that matter most — from competitive shooting and firearm safety instruction to education and training in handgun, rifle, and shotgun disciplines. We continue to advocate tirelessly on Capitol Hill and across the states to ensure that your Second Amendment freedoms are protected — today and for generations to come.

As Thomas Jefferson reminded us, safeguarding liberty for the next generation is one of our most sacred responsibilities. As our nation prepares to celebrate its 250th anniversary in 2026, let us remember that the Second Amendment is not merely a right — it is the backbone of all other freedoms secured in our Constitution.

Thank you for your membership, your trust, and your continued commitment to freedom.

Doug Hamlin
EVP/CEO
National Rifle Association

2026 NRA DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS

The nominees for election to the NRA Board in 2026 have been selected by the Nominating Committee and by petition of the membership.

The Board consists of 76 Directors. The Bylaws require that one-third of the terms of office of 75 Directors shall expire at each Annual Meeting of Members. One Director is elected for a one-year term at each Annual Meeting of Members. This Director is selected from the candidates who were not elected by the mail ballot.

The 2026 election will fill the 25 three-year terms that expire in 2029; three two-year terms that expire in 2028; and one one-year term that expires in 2027. Voting members will vote for a total of 29 candidates. The 25 candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be elected to three-year terms; the three candidates receiving the next highest number of votes will be elected to two-year terms; and the one candidate receiving the next highest number of votes will be elected to a one-year term.

Nominations by the Nominating Committee. The Committee reviewed fifty-three candidates, including incumbents seeking re-election, members who submitted themselves for consideration or who were recommended by other NRA members, and candidates who had begun the process of seeking nomination by petition. Thirty candidates were selected.

Nominations by Petition of the Membership. Eleven people were nominated by petition (three of the eleven had already been nominated by the Nominating Committee). Each petition sponsored by an NRA member or member organization required the signatures of not less than 363 voting members.

The 2026 Ballot. Prior to the ballots being printed, two of the Nominating Committee candidates withdrew their names from consideration. A total of 38 candidates, the combined total from the Nominating Committee and petition of the members, appears on the ballot. **The NRA Bylaws require the names to be rotated on the ballot. Five different ballots with five different orders of names were printed. The biographical sketches that follow were written by the individual nominees. They appear here in alphabetical order; however, the names on the ballots are in a different order because of the Bylaws requirement to rotate the order of names.**

To Expedite Voting, begin by looking at the first name on the ballot. Then locate the name on the alphabetical list of biographical sketches. This procedure is much faster than reading the biographical sketch first and then trying to locate the name on a ballot **NOT** printed in alphabetical order.

LT. COL. WILLIAM E. BAILEY, USAR (RET.) MILLEDGEVILLE, GEORGIA

Lifelong outdoorsman with a deep passion for shooting, hunting, and fishing. Interest in firearms began early, guided by family and mentors who instilled respect for safe and skilled gun handling. Over the years, collected and competed with rifles, pistols, shotguns, and muzzleloaders, earning classification as a Master level High Power and Long Range shooter, a CMP Distinguished Rifleman, and awarded the President's Hundred tab. Served 30 years in the Georgia Army National Guard, U.S. Army Reserve, and Active Duty, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel in 2021. A dedicated dog handler, trained and hunted with Beagles, Feists, and a German Shorthaired Pointer across the country in pursuit of upland game. Served as past President of the Georgia Sport Shooting Association.

MR. ROBERT BECKMAN CINCINNATI, OHIO

Proudly dual nominated by the members and Nominating Committee. NRA Benefactor member, training counselor, NRA-FAL/ILA, volunteer for FONRA in SE-Indiana, and dedicated Second Amendment advocate.

Professional IT project manager, experienced with implementing enterprise systems in legal, finance, operations, manufacturing, audit, and organizational change management. A devoted husband of 37 years, father, and grandfather. The host/creator of the Firearm Trainer Podcast, and VP/Hunting Director for the Ohio Rifle and Pistol Association. Former board member and current adult leader for the local Boy Scout council. Selected for the 2025 NRA Annual Meetings "Voices of the Second Amendment" and guest on numerous podcasts. Proud member of numerous pro-gun/conservation organizations including SCI, IALEFI, NSSE, NMLRA, FPC, GOA, GOAL, CNJFO, OGCA, BHA, RMEF, NDA, Boone & Crockett Club, NTA, OSTA, F4WM, IHEA. NMSSA, NKSSA, Buckeye Firearms, League of Ohio Sportsmen, League of Kentucky Sportsmen, Indiana State Rifle and Pistol Association, and the Illinois State Rifle Association.

MAJ. GEN. KENNETH BOWRA, USA (RET.) SMITHFIELD, VIRGINIA

Graduated from The Citadel. Retired as a Major General after over thirty-three years of service in the United States Army. Commanded Special Forces units at all levels including

serving as a reconnaissance team leader in MACV-SOG during Vietnam service conducting long range operations against deep North Vietnamese targets; Commander ODA-572 "Green Light" Special Atomic Demolitions (SADM) High Altitude Low Opening (HALO) Special Forces Detachment; Commander Company B, 2-75 Ranger Battalion. Conducted operations in Cambodia, Grenada, Somalia and Afghanistan. Appointed as a senior Foreign Service Officer in the Department of State in February 2009 and was assigned to the U.S. Embassy, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, where he directed a Department of State Interagency Counter Terrorist Program. Inducted into the Special Forces Hall of Fame as a Distinguished Member of the Regiment. An Eagle Scout and Scout leader, actively supported Scouting in assignments.

MR. CHARLES BROWN DAYTON, OHIO

Nominated by the NRA Nominating Committee. A dedicated NRA Endowment member. Owner of MKS Supply, one of the largest firearm marketing companies in the USA. A proud member of several Second

Amendment organizations, including SAF, GOA, AZCDL, Buckeye Firearms Association, Amateur Trapshooting Association, and the Garand Collectors Association, National Shooting Sports Foundation Presidents Club Member, U.S. Sportsman's Alliance 2016 Sportsman's Heritage Award winner. A lifelong Second Amendment career (third generation) developing communication, compliance & problem-solving skills over 35 years in business. An avid shooter, bow hunter, and fisherman. BBA in Marketing and Management from University of Cincinnati, 1984.

**LT. COL. ROBERT K. BROWN, USAR (RET.)
DENVER, COLORADO**

Founder, former editor/publisher, Soldier of Fortune Magazine. From NRA Resolution: "WHEREAS SOLDIER OF FORTUNE magazine has been uncompromising in supporting the Second Amendment through its right-to-keep-and-bear-arms editorial policy and public appearances [and] played a prominent role in electing pro-gun political leaders [and] originated the concept of a rifle, pistol, and shotgun tactical match; and in the course of 21 years hosted a total of more than 10,000 individual competitors." OIC Army Marksmanship Unit, and pistol team member. Rifle team member, Ft. Leonard Wood. Special Forces Captain, Vietnam, 1969, awarded Combat Infantry Badge, Purple Heart, Bronze Star. Because I advocated to change, NRA saved \$500,000 a year by bringing in-house the digital production of America's 1st Freedom magazine. DOD letter: "By bringing back the first AK74 5.45 ammunition ... tested by [DOD] you helped immensely in adding to our knowledge of Soviet small arms developments." Big game hunter, four continents.

**MR. ALEX CARROLL
CONNERSVILLE, INDIANA**

Mr. Carroll's decades of entrepreneurial success include founding Lifeline Data Centers (180,000 sq. ft., expanding by another 50,000 sq. ft.) with patented in-house HVAC and power systems, owning

a real estate development firm with more than 550,000 sq. ft., owning a commercial construction company, and scaling his consulting practice to 10,000+ annual billable hours annually, serving private and public sectors since 1994. For over a decade, he has advanced military readiness and warfighter safety through civilian contracts, developing a DFARS/CMMC compliance platform—now the national gold standard—enabling DoD contractors to inherit 80% of NIST 800-171 controls cost-effectively, plus patented EMP shielding for critical infrastructure. He has similarly supported law enforcement for over a decade via secure data centers, emergency readiness facilities, and technology platforms ensuring operational continuity and cybersecurity. A lifelong agriculturist, he grew up on an Indiana farm and in 2024 opened a cattle slaughterhouse supporting local producers.

**CDR. TED W. CARTER, USN, (RET)
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA**

Current NRA Board member. Benefactor member. Nominated by Nominating Committee. Endorsed by Florida Sport Shooting Association (FSSA). Second Amendment activist and lifelong competitive shooter: Bullseye and International Pistol, and Rifle. Navy veteran with 32 years of distinguished service. Graduate, United States Naval Academy (USNA). Captain and Head Coach USNA Pistol Team. Earned All-American honors. Collegiate Shooting Coach of the Year. Awarded Distinguished Pistol and Revolver. Former coach/captain of numerous Navy and civilian pistol teams. Committee assignments: Chair of Competition Rules & Programs, and Pistol. Serves on Air Gun, Collegiate Programs, Military & Veterans Affairs, and Protest Committees. Forty plus year history enhancing shooting programs and supporting competitors at all levels. Certified NRA Coach, Instructor, RSO, and Referee. Politically involved, supporting pro-Second Amendment candidates at local, state, and national levels. Instructor for Women on Target and Armed Women of America. Longtime President, FSSA. Member TSRA and ISRPA.

**MR. JAMES A. D'CRUZ
OAKLAND, FLORIDA**

Nominated by NRA Nominating Committee. NRA Life member. Attorney in Texas and Florida. Firearms enthusiast, collector, and advocate. Second Amendment scholar and author. At 18, was the lead plaintiff in two national NRA-backed lawsuits challenging ban on handgun possession and carry by 18–20-year-olds. Served as a felony domestic violence prosecutor in Orlando, Fla. Currently a Captain in the U.S. Army Reserve JAG Corps. NRA pistol instructor. President of the Harvard Law School Target Shooting Club (2015–2017). Owner of Cerebral Arms Company, LLC (07/02), which manufactures and sells firearms, provides firearms and self-defense consulting to the legal community, and provides concealed weapon permit training. Participates in match pistol, sporting clays, and High Power rifle shooting. Board Member of Florida Association of Veteran Owned Businesses (FAVOB).

**MR. ISAAC DEMAREST
HOLLAND, OHIO**

On the ballot by petition of the NRA membership. A CFP, AAMS, MBA, and licensed fiduciary, whose expertise includes financial and economic analysis, asset management, and long-range planning. Currently lends his expertise to several non-profits, including Shriners Hospitals for Children and Autism Model School. Served as Vice-President of an Ohio Governor's Council working with state law makers to develop and implement statewide legislation and policy. Active in the tactical and concealed carry community and has a supportive relationship with several schools and trainers, nationwide. Proud member of 13 national and local firearms, conservation, and sportsman clubs (including California, Delaware, Illinois, Ohio). Can also regularly be found supporting his brother Masons, as a 33rd Degree and Knight of the York Cross of Honor recipient, or as the Chairman of the Annual Sportsman's Extravaganza gun raffle.

MR. RICHARD FAIRBURN CANTON, ILLINOIS

NRA Benefactor member, member of the NRA Board of Directors since 2025, serving on the Education & Training Committee. Retired police chief, with more than 40 years of experience in law enforcement at the state and local levels, and a U.S. Army veteran. Degree in law enforcement administration from Western Illinois University and valedictorian of his class at the Illinois State Police Academy. Former NRA police firearms instructor: pistols, shotguns and rifles. Assisted in the launch of the movement to patrol rifles for US police agencies. Former competitive shooter in IPSC/USPSA and SASS events. Founded the first IPSC-affiliated club east of the Mississippi in 1979. Author of two firearms training books and hundreds of articles in magazines and on web sites, currently an author for Concealed Carry magazine. Strong supporter of the Friends of the NRA.

MR. RICHARD TODD FIGARD WADSWORTH, OHIO

NRA Benefactor Member and NRA Ring of Freedom member nominated by the Nominating Committee. A 31-year committee member/Chairman of the Northeast Ohio Friends of NRA (FONRA) and State Chair for the Ohio FONRA, Lead Firearms Examiner (green hats) for The Great American Outdoor Show and NRA Annual Meetings and Exhibits, NRA Instructor, Range Development Course attendee and NRA-ILA contributor. A competitive pistol shooter and lead juror for the NRA Regional and CMP Championship Matches at Canton McKinley Rifle & Pistol Club. Highly trained Six Sigma Black Belt, experienced in auditing business and production processes. Trained in implementing corrective and preventative actions to ensure compliance to customer requirements and standards, aerospace manufacturing, AS9100 and FAA regulations. Life member: Canton McKinley Rifle & Pistol Club (former VP), Wadsworth Hunt Club (former Board Member), Stark Gun Collectors, Ohio Gun Collectors Association, Ohio Rifle & Pistol Association. Member: Bolivar Sportsman's Club and FOP Auxiliary.

MR. LYNN GIPSON NEW ATHENS, ILLINOIS

Nominated by petition. Over fifty years of experience in shooting sports administration and management. Thirty-five years of experience managing shooting facilities. Executive Director since 2012 of the largest and oldest clay target association in the world, the Amateur Trapshooting Association. Executive Director of the ATA's Grand American World Trapshooting Championships since 2013. Missouri Trap Association Board member for thirty-two years. Part owner of lead shot reclamation company since 2007. FFL holder for over twenty-five years. NRA Benefactor member since 2005. NRA Shotgun Committee member since 2013. Life member ATA, Missouri Trap Association, Illinois Trap Association, Iowa State Trap Association and Illinois State Rifle Association. Over 200,000 career ATA registered targets. National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution member since 2020. University of Missouri BBA (1984) with emphasis on accounting and auditing.

MRS. AMY HEATH-LOVATO WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY

NRA Benefactor member. Current NRA Board member. Proud petition candidate. Learned to shoot rifle and pistol at an early age with her grandfather, shooting icon Jeff Cooper. Gunsite, Thunder Ranch graduate. Public speaker, debater on Second Amendment issues. Testified against anti-gun restrictions. Featured in NY Times, NY Post, WABC-7 as Founder of NYC Women's Shooting Sports League, promoter of women's and youth firearms education programs, NYC/NYS Organizer Women on Target, National Wild Turkey Federation Women in the Outdoors clinics, Refuse To Be A Victim programs. Working with NRA Women's Programs and Youth Programs Committees to promote NRA programs on college campuses and increase women's participation in NRA. Hunted South Africa/Botswana; SCI Gold Medal Winner-Kudu. Professional singer, actress. Served as Associate Producer for The

History Channel, A&E, Biography. Supported our troops as USO Entertainment Coordinator. Supports military families through Family Readiness Group. Married; two children. Member, Daughters of the American Revolution.

MS. MEGAN HILBISH EMPORIA, KANSAS

Nominated by Nominating Committee. Competitive shooter and hunter since age seven. Certified firearms instructor for NRA Basic Pistol and Chief Range Safety Officer. NRA Distinguished Expert in smallbore and High Power rifle. Represented U.S.A. at 2023 ISSF World Championships in Baku, Azerbaijan where she was the first American female ever to compete in 300m Standard Rifle. Also, represented U.S.A. in August 2025 for the NRA smallbore rifle Roberts and Randle Teams in Bisley, Great Britain. Experienced as a lobbyist. Advocated for constitutional carry, defended conceal carry rights, and Eddie Eagle legislation, which she has also taught to elementary youth. Loves to share her passion and knowledge of firearms and the outdoors as a volunteer Kansas Hunter Education, Becoming an Outdoors-Woman, and 4-H Shooting Sports instructor. Actively participates in and teaches shooting sports, firearms safety, hunting and self-defense skills.

MR. CHARLES "CHARLIE" HILTUNEN III INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

Benefactor member, NRA Board since 2022. Committee positions: Chairman, Legislative Policy; Vice Chairman, Legal Affairs; Executive; Federal Affairs; Clubs & Associations; and NRA Media. President, Indiana State Rifle & Pistol Association, Indiana Youth Shooting Sports Foundation Board, and Certified Rifle, Shotgun, Pistol Instructor/Coach. Active instructor, mentor, and promoter of youth training in marksmanship, safety, and Second Amendment advocacy. Extensive public service including Crossroads Scout Council President and "Big Four" Veteran Coalition Board. Honors include the Falcon Award

for outstanding service to the United States and National Guard, Maj. Gen. Umbarger Award, and DAV Distinguished Service Award. Attorney, lobbyist, and strategic advisor; expertise spans military, Fortune 500, not-for-profits, and international clients. Government positions include Indiana House of Representatives Majority Counsel, INVets Board, and Cable Franchise Board. Indiana University BS JD and Institute for Organizational Management at Notre Dame. TSRA, KRPA, OKRA, DU, RMEF, NWTF, PF, SCI.

**MR. KYLE HUPFER
PENDLETON, INDIANA**

NRA Benefactor Member, lifelong hunter and vocal gun advocate. As Indiana's DNR Director, signed emergency rules to bring concealed carry back to state parks and wildlife areas. Owns and operates ScatterGun Lodge, a premier pheasant hunting operation in South Dakota. CEO of a chain of retail stores in Indiana and a partner at Taft Law. Long history of public and board service. Currently serves on the Ivy Tech College statewide Board of Trustees and is the Chairman of the Data Trust Board of Directors. Past service includes Chairman of the Indiana State Fair Commission, member of and general counsel of the Republican National Committee and the Chairman of the Indiana Republican Party. Lives in Pendleton, Indiana with his wife Jill and three children, Ashton, Adah and Archer.

**MS. JACQUELINE JANES
MESA, ARIZONA**

NRA Life Member with over 14 years of volunteer experience as an NRA-ILA Grassroots FrontLines Activist Leader in Arizona. Recipient of the 2012 Jay M. Littlefield NRA-ILA Volunteer of the Year Award. Nominated by the NRA Nominating Committee, leadership experience includes serving as an Executive Board Member of Phoenix Rod and Gun Club and the Women's Outdoor Media Association. An accomplished competitive shooter with experience in IDPA, USPSA, ICORE, 3-Gun, and Long-Range

Precision Rifle. Former Certified NRA Pistol Instructor, IDPA Match Director, Certified IDPA Range Safety Officer, and competed on the Team SIG Shooting Team. Brings over 25 years of marketing expertise as a marketing director in the firearms industry, writing featured in leading industry publications, including Shooting Illustrated, USPSA Magazine, IDPA Tactical Journal, and the Beretta Blog.

**MR. JERRY KRAUS
CRAIG, COLORADO**

A U.S. Army veteran, NRA Endowment Member, NRA Ring of Freedom member, and an accomplished marksman featured in Soldier of Fortune magazine for mile-long shots and on its March 2010 cover. NRA-ILA Frontlines Activist Leader since 1995 (formerly Election Volunteer Coordinator), he served NRA-ILA in multiple states and is endorsed by the Kansas State Rifle Association. He is a Mortgage Broker with over 30 years' experience in marketing and finance. An avid hunter with trips across the U.S., Alaska, and Africa, Kraus likes shooting long range, IDPA, PPC, trap, skeet, and sporting clays. He was a contributing field editor for Soldier of Fortune (2008–2018), NRA-ILA Campaign Field Rep in 2014 and 2016 election cycles, and served as the State of Michigan Director for "Sportsmen for McCain" in the 2008 election cycle.

**MR. HUEY LAUGESEN
COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO**

Colorado native and Executive Director of the Colorado State Shooting Association (CSSA), the official NRA State Association. Has led CSSA through extraordinary growth—more than tripling membership in two years and strengthening its statewide influence. CSSA filed two major constitutional cases: *Langston v. Humphreys*, challenging Colorado's firearms and ammunition excise tax alongside the NRA, Second Amendment Foundation, and Firearms Policy Coalition; and *Del Toro v. Polis*, contesting the state's permit-to-purchase semi-automatic

firearm law. Organized the Shots for Freedom Range Weekend and Banquet, the largest pro-gun political event Colorado has seen in years, which raised over \$100,000 to support CSSA's legal and political defense of the Second Amendment. Proudly endorsed by The Colorado State Shooting Association.

**MR. RANDY E. LUTH
BECKER, MINNESOTA**

NRA Life member since 1994. Nominated by the NRA Nominating Committee. Gun owner for six decades. Hunter since 1968; achieved North American Super Slam (29). Founder of DPMS/Panther Arms in 1986, manufacturing hundreds of thousands of rifles. Founder of Luth-AR in 2013, specializing in rifle accessories. Holder of seven U.S. patents. Recipient of Outdoor Life Readers' Choice Award. Owner and operator of one of the largest gun clubs in the North Central United States for nearly 20 years. Board member, Sherburne State Bank, DPMS Firearms, USA Olympic Shooting Team Foundation, Ammo Inc., and GunBroker. Competitive shooter in trap, skeet, sporting clays, action pistol, and tactical shotgun. Organizer, promoter, sponsor, and participant in 3-Gun competitions nationwide. Major donor and financial supporter of pro-gun politicians and Second Amendment organizations.

**MS. DEBORAH LYMAN
WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT**

NRA Benefactor Member, nominated by members' petition. Grew up shooting and hunting in Alaska. Began competitive shooting while serving in Civil Air Patrol as a teen, then Army ROTC and Rifle Team at University of Alaska. Worked in sales and publication of reloading and black powder handbooks with Lyman Products. President, Blue Trail Range Corporation: commercial gun range, retail firearms store, training center. Provides training facilities for civilians and federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies. Extensive background

in firearms business operation. Understands the unique challenges that firearms-related businesses face. Competed at Camp Perry for over 30 years with many team and individual wins. NRA Prone & 3-Position Double Distinguished Expert. Coach of numerous junior championship teams. Promotes shooting programs for women, youth, concealed carry. Civilian Marksmanship Program Director for Connecticut. Works closely with Connecticut Citizens Defense League opposing anti-gun legislation. Public speaker, voter organizer on Second Amendment issues.

**MR. ROBERT MANSELL
BULLHEAD CITY, ARIZONA**

NRA Benefactor member nominated by the Nominating Committee. Currently serving on the Leadership & Organization Committee, Chairman Ethics committee and Chairman Range Development Subcommittee. Past chairman of the Arizona Game and Fish Commission. As chairman promoted the use of suppressors and high-capacity magazines for hunting, testified before U.S. Congress on wildlife mitigation issue. 45-year FFL holder with experience in retail sales and NFA manufacturing. Life member of the Arizona State Rifle and Pistol Association and Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies. 15-year Federal Credit Union CEO, former teacher, principal and superintendent. Competitive shooter, pilot, two-term elected city councilman and hospital board member.

**DR. ERIC METTEAUER
BEAUMONT, TX**

Nominated by the NRA Nominating Committee. Member of the NRA since 1988. NRA Life Member since 1988. Veterinarian since 2013 and sole business owner of a mixed-animal practice since 2017. Texas A&M University graduate with a B.S. in Animal Science 2005 and M.S. Animal Science 2009. Lecturer and instructor Animal Science 2005-2009, judging team coach 2006-2007. Ross University graduate, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine 2012. Memberships include: NRA, RMEF, DU, Wild Sheep Foundation,

Mule Deer Foundation, American Veterinary Medical Association, Texas Veterinary Medical Association, American Association of Equine Practitioners, and Texas Equine Veterinary Association. Served on the (Texas) Equine Practice Committee 2017-2022. Have been actively involved in local recreational shooting sports through the years. Married to wife Kori for 17 years and have four children, all whom enjoy hunting and the outdoors.

**MR. JAMES W. PORTER II
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA**

Sixty-second NRA President (2013-2015). NRA Nominating Committee nominee. NRA Board member, NRA Endowment member; member of the Executive Council and Executive Committee. President, NRA Foundation (two terms). Chairman, NRA Legal Affairs Committee, strong supporter NRA-ILA. Media spokesman/debater Second Amendment issues. Attorney, legal advisor to NRA in federal firearms cases. Defends gun manufacturers against malicious lawsuits. Supported lawsuit protection for firearms manufacturers. Worked with NRA to expose and fight United Nations' plan to ban guns and ammunition worldwide. Chairman, NRA Civil Rights Defense Fund, oversaw amicus briefs in landmark Heller and McDonald decisions. As chairman, tirelessly worked to keep NRA strong financially to fight for the Second Amendment and freedom.

**PROFESSOR DAVID RANEY
HILLSDALE, MICHIGAN**

Second Amendment scholar, activist, and teacher at Hillsdale College. Current first-term Board member. NRA Benefactor member (joined at age 14). Lifelong big game/upland bird hunter and recreational shooter. Member of SCI, Ducks Unlimited, Whitetails Unlimited, Michigan United Conservation Clubs, and several NRA-affiliated state associations. Supporter of Friends of NRA. Interned with NRA-ILA during college, returned twice to work as a temporary, full-time employee. Holds the John Anthony Halter Chair at Hillsdale, where he

has taught history (emphasizing the Second Amendment) for two decades. Has educated thousands on the vital importance of keeping and bearing arms in a republic. Involved in early planning and ongoing events at Hillsdale's 113-acre state-of-the-art shooting facility, home of the USA Shooting National Team. Known for pro-gun lectures, publications, and participation in conferences. Media appearances include C-SPAN, Hugh Hewitt, Michael Medved, Dennis Prager, Cam Edwards, and Grant Stinchfield. Married with three young children, 100% NRA family.

**MR. MARK K. ROBINSON
COLFAX, NORTH CAROLINA**

Current NRA Board member. NRA Life member. Veteran, United States Army Reserve, six years. Former Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina. Became a popular social media commentator known for his conservative philosophy and satire. His passionate defense of the Second Amendment before the Greensboro, N.C. City Council on April 3, 2018 greatly expanded his reach. "Mr. I am the Majority" has been a featured speaker at Second Amendment rallies in Florida, Washington D.C., Ohio, Delaware, Wisconsin, Illinois and Germany. Works closely with the N.C. state legislature and speaks regularly at many GOP sponsored events. Attends many Friends of the NRA events in NC. Is featured in an NRA "Freedom's Safest Place" ad based on his City Council speech. Owns many firearms; his favorites are the S&W Model 29 .44 Magnum with a 6.5 inch barrel and the Desert Eagle .50 caliber handgun.

**MR. STEVEN C. SCHREINER
ENGLEWOOD, COLORADO**

NRA Endowment member and Board member. President and founding member, Firearms Coalition of Colorado, an NRA-affiliated grassroots organization; awarded NRA-ILA Volunteer Organization of the Year. Led fight in Colorado against anti-gun forces. Successfully fought for/passage of: concealed carry, preemption, shooting range protection. Fought against: semi-auto,

magazine bans, anti-hunting, “safe storage” bills. Registered volunteer lobbyist. Publicly promote election/retention of pro-gun candidates from both major parties; educate public on gun issues, legislation, campaigns/candidates, work closely with NRA-ILA leadership on same. Serve on NRA’s Grassroots Development Committee, Committee on Elections, and Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. Former congressional staffer; Vietnam veteran, officer, U.S. Army, Airborne-Ranger; awarded Combat Infantryman’s Badge, Bronze Star (with “V” device) and the Silver Star. Combat: 199th Light Infantry Brigade (Sep.); Advisor to Vietnamese and Thai Armies. B.A./M.A., History. Endorsements: Firearms Coalition of Colorado, Colorado Gun Collectors/Military Weapons Collectors Associations of Colorado and Golden Gun Club.

**LT. GEN. LEROY SISCO, USA (RET.)
BOERNE, TEXAS**

NRA Benefactor member, nominated by the Nominating Committee for re-election. Retired from the military after 42 years of honorable service. Held several major commands. Civilian career provided several company ownerships and senior management positions, up to and including CEO. Founded the Military Warriors Support Foundation, which helps our wounded heroes. To date, the Foundation has given away 1,127 homes, 287 automobiles or about \$523,000,000 worth to these incredible wounded heroes and Gold Star families. Takes hundreds of our heroes and families on hunting, fishing, and golfing trips annually. CEO and one of the owners of Texas Trophy Hunters Association, which is the largest hunting organization in Texas. Life Member of the Texas State Rifle Association. Speaks all across the nation supporting our Second Amendment and the NRA.

**MS. AMANDA SUFFECOL
WAYLAND, OHIO**

Nominated by NRA Nominating Committee and petition of the members. Current first term board member, up for renewal. NRA

Benefactor Member, Life Member SAF, member Buckeye Firearms, OGCA, GOA. Host of nationally syndicated Second Amendment radio show, Eye on the Target Radio. Co-host, instructor, podcast contributor and public speaker on Second Amendment topics. Three-time winner Second Amendment Foundation’s Defender of Liberty Award. On Advisory Board of the nationally recognized Women for Gun Rights organization and A Girl & A Gun Legacy Foundation. Producer, host of REALIZE Your Carry Fashion, Concealed Carry Fashion Shows featured on VICE and HBO. A degreed engineer and problem solver with more than 40 years in various manufacturing industries. On NRA Media (Chair), Finance, Leadership & Organization (Vice Chair) and Meeting Site Selection committees. Trump delegate at the RNC Milwaukee. County Chairman of the Republican Party, elected Republican State Central committee for Ohio’s 27th congressional district.

**MR. REGIS SYNAN
EXPORT, PENNSYLVANIA**

NRA Benefactor member. NRA Hunters’ Leadership Forum member. Current NRA Board member. Nominated by the Nominating Committee. NRA Foundation Trustee, Investment and Audit Chairman. NRA Committees: Investment Subcommittee, Chairman; Disabled Shooting Sports, Chairman; Finance, Vice Chairman; Insurance Review Subcommittee; Hunting & Conservation; Hearings. Twenty years Murrysburg, Pennsylvania City Council and Mayor. Extensive political experience including Second Amendment activism. Camp Freedom Trustee – serving physically and mentally disabled veterans and first responders. College degrees – Accounting and Law Enforcement. MBA in Finance. Manufacturing business owner. Former Volunteer Fire Chief. Hazmat Technician Battalion Chief. Fifty years emergency management experience. Law enforcement firearms training. Trap and sporting

clays shooter. Member of local gun clubs. Upland and duck hunter. Proud Lab bird dog owner.

**MR. TODD VANDERMYDE
YORKVILLE, ILLINOIS**

NRA Life member proudly nominated by petition. Retired lobbyist represented NRA members, gun owners and FFLs for 30 years in Illinois legislature. Responsible for legalizing short barrel rifles in Illinois. Initiated litigation overturning Illinois carry ban law. Lead plaintiff in challenge to Cook County gun and ammo tax. President of Aurora Sportsmen’s Club – Illinois’s largest gun club overseeing \$4 million capital program including addition of 20 new ranges. Former 07 FFL w/SOT. Sturgis Freedom Fighters Hall of Fame 2003 inductee. Member, Gun Owners of America, Firearms Policy Coalition, Illinois State Rifle Association (Life), Single Action Shooting Society (Life). Serves on Second Amendment Law Center board as Vice President and the Second Amendment Defense and Education Coalition (SADEC) as Vice President. U.S. Army Reserve -18-year veteran held a number of military occupational specialties. Retired operating engineer member of Local 150 - 35 years. Life-long shooter, hunter and amateur gunsmith.

**MR. MARK E. VAUGHAN
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA**

NRA Board member, NRA Endowment member, competitor, outdoorsman, and advocate. Nominated for re-election. Served as NRA’s First Vice-President since April 2025, Second Vice-President since May 2024, and on various NRA committees. As President of the Oklahoma Rifle Association, successfully worked with state officials on many important initiatives supporting the shooting community. A deputy with Oklahoma County Sheriff’s Office since 2010, was awarded citations of valor and NRA’s 2014 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award for stopping an extremist attack at a food facility in Oklahoma. Advances the shooting community as instructor for NRA Law

Enforcement, NRA Shotgun, RSO and Hunter Education. Has served as president and 25-year trustee of the 2,500 member Oklahoma City Gun Club, overseeing its expansion, supporting Women on Target and youth shooting programs. An experienced businessman, he remains active in the food and logistics industries.

**MRS. LINDA WALKER
NEWARK, OHIO**

Recipient NRA's 2009 Sybil Ludington Women's Freedom Award, given for tireless dedication to the Second Amendment through advocacy, education, and legislation. NRA Benefactor member, current NRA Board member, renominated by Nominating Committee. Committee member of Legislative Policy, Chairman of State & Local Affairs Subcommittee, Women's Programs, Grassroots Development. Co-founder NRA's Women's New Energy Brunch. Member of President Trump's "Gun Owners for Trump" National Advisory Board. Volunteer consultant to many campaigns including J.D. Vance for U.S. Senate. President of Buckeye Firearms Association. Assisted successful passage of Ohio's pro-gun legislation including Constitutional Carry, preemption, Castle Doctrine, restaurant carry, CCW fixes. Assisted with the victorious defeat of Bloomberg in Colorado's senator recall elections! Multimedia spokesperson, public speaker, past NRA News contributor. NRA Certified Instructor multiple disciplines, volunteer instructor at numerous events. Former Cub Scout Den Leader, Cubmaster, past FONRA Chairman. Member of AG&AG, endorsed by Buckeye Firearms Association.

**MR. JAMES WALLACE
NEWBURYPORT, MASSACHUSETTS**

NRA Benefactor member. U.S. Army, 1983–1986. Executive Director GOAL - Massachusetts NRA State Association. Member of NRA Bylaws & Resolutions, Legislative Policy, NRA Media committees. State Association mentor. Initiated a litigation effort against one of the

worst post-Bruen attacks on Second Amendment rights. Leading an effort to overturn the most catastrophic anti- Second Amendment bill in modern history! Created "Self Defense is a Human Right" anti-domestic violence initiative. Passionate public speaker, guest lecturer at universities, schools engaging gun owners and the public. Numerous national/local media appearances. Streamlined and modernized Massachusetts State Association operations. Expanded innovative firearms new training programs, focusing on outreach and women's training opportunities. Designed and conducts Second Amendment advocacy and club management seminars.

**MR. JAY WALLACE
SMYRNA, GEORGIA**

Nominated by NRA Nominating Committee. Founder and owner of Adventure Outdoors, a nationwide retailer of firearms and outdoor equipment. Served on the Board of Directors of AFRA, the American Firearms Retailer Association and on the advisory Boards of O.F. Mossberg, ATK Sporting Group, Glock and Smith & Wesson firearms manufacturers. Charter member of Georgia Association of Law Enforcement Firearms Instructors. Served on the Board of Directors of LEEO (Law Enforcement Education Organization). Served on the political campaigns of a number of pro-gun candidates on local and national levels over the past 30+ years. Served as Finance Chairman for Bob Barr's congressional campaign. Serves for the past 10 years on the Board of Trustees of one of the largest healthcare systems in Georgia, the WellStar Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Former volunteer firefighter, Smyrna, Georgia. Reserve Deputy, Fulton County, Georgia. Past chairman NRA Sport Shooting Committee, Trustee NRA Foundation.

**HON. BRUCE WIDENER
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA**

NRA Executive Committee, Gun Collectors, Sport Shooting, Women's Programs Committee member. Owner government relations/ association management firm,

Atlanta. Former member Georgia House of Representatives, elected 1980. Supported gun legislation as legislator and lobbyist. NRA Benefactor Member and Golden Eagle. Nominated by Nominating Committee. Began collecting military 1911s to now anything that goes BANG! Avid hunter (upland birds, deer, hogs, anything for freezer), African safari twice, shooter (sporting clays, pistol, rifle, shotgun), collector. SCLED Certified CWP, NRA Certified Pistol Instructor, election poll worker. Georgia ARNG 1970–1976. Honor Graduate Ft. Harrison, Army Finance School. Member SC Carry, SC Arms Collectors. Gun clubs: Elbert County, Belton, Skip J, Widener. Former member Rack Head and Walnut Grove hunt clubs. Helped form G.R.I.T.S (*Girls Really Into Shooting*) chapter. Graduate University of Georgia BBA pre-law 1970.

**MR. EB WILKINSON
TUCSON, ARIZONA**

Nominated by petition by members of the NRA. NRA Benefactor member, lifelong hunter, dedicated Second Amendment activist. Founder and chairman of Greater Tucson NRA-ILA Dinner. Former Co-Chair and Chairman Old Pueblo Friends of NRA. Purdue University graduate. U.S. Marine Corps veteran (1981–1986). Life member: California Rifle and Pistol Association, Fifty Caliber Shooters Association, JPFO, Arizona State Rifle and Pistol Association, Illinois State Rifle Association, Arizona Citizen's Defense League. NRA Certified Basic Pistol Instructor, Personal Protection in the Home. Arizona Concealed Carry instructor. Current member NRA Grassroots Development Committee, NRA Committee on Hearings. Past member: NRA Sport Shooting Committee, past Chair NRA Finance Committee, NRA Investment Oversight Subcommittee. Political activist, past Republican precinct committeeman. A dedicated hunter, Mr. Wilkinson has hunted throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico and in Zambia. Mr. Wilkinson is a financial advisor by profession and founder of Wilkinson Wealth Management, Tucson, Arizona.

NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee met via Microsoft Teams online video conferences on May 19, May 29, June 30, July 31, and August 14, 2025. The Committee is deeply grateful for the service of members Maria Heil, who resigned in May for personal reasons, and Robben Love, who died unexpectedly on August 4. Both members made significant contributions to the Committee's work during the time they were able to serve.

At its meeting on May 19, 2025, the Committee elected Owen Buz Mills as Chairman and Al Hammond as Vice Chairman.

At its meeting on June 30, 2025, the Committee unanimously adopted the following motion:

MOVED, that the Committee recommends that the Board waive the disqualification under Article IV, Sec. 1(a)(3) for Thomas Arvas, Mark Robinson, and Steven Schreiner.

At its meeting on August 14, 2025, the Committee unanimously adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the National Rifle Association that the Association's voting members choose from the best-qualified candidates to meet the organization's current and future challenges, and

WHEREAS, the Director Nomination Policy adopted on January 11, 2025 requires the Nominating Committee to "identify and memorialize a list of desired qualities and skills which it seeks

in director candidates for the upcoming year," and

WHEREAS, the Nominating Committee has met with the Association's President, First and Second Vice Presidents, and Executive Vice President to discuss the criteria for candidates for the 2026 election of directors; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Committee shall seek to identify candidates for the 2026 ballot who possess the following qualities:

- Unquestioned personal integrity;
- Passion for the NRA's mission;
- Proven executive-level leadership abilities;
- A record of entrepreneurial success;
- Financial, investment, insurance, and risk management experience;
- Experience in NRA program areas such as competitive shooting and gun collecting;
- Firearms industry experience and relationships;
- Strong communication skills, social media influence, and willingness to serve as the public face of the Association;
- Proven ability to connect with emerging constituencies such as younger gun owners and members of minority groups; and
- Available time to devote to NRA business.

The Committee met at NRA Headquarters in Fairfax, Virginia on August 23, 2025, for the purpose of

nominating individuals for election to the NRA Board of Directors in 2026.

Members present were: Owen Buz Mills, Chairman; Al Hammond, Vice Chairman; Cam Edwards; Mitzy McCorvey by teleconference; Janet Nyce; and Susan Springhorn. Committee member Robert J. Vos was unable to attend. John C. Frazer was present as the committee secretary.

The Nominating Committee is a screening process designed to determine the most qualified candidates to be recommended to NRA voting members for election to the NRA Board of Directors. The Committee made every effort to select the best possible candidates for nomination. Service on the NRA Nominating Committee is an honor and a serious responsibility. The Committee has an obligation to select those candidates who are the most dedicated, best qualified, and have the expertise and freedom needed to best serve the needs of the NRA and its members.

The Committee reviewed 53 candidates, including incumbents seeking re-election, members who submitted themselves for consideration or who were recommended by other NRA members, and candidates who had begun the process of seeking nomination by petition.


The proceedings of the Nominating Committee took place in executive session.

The Committee nominated the following 30 individuals as being the best qualified to meet the needs of the Association at this time.

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| 1. William Bailey
Milledgeville, Georgia | 13. Jacqueline Janes
Mesa, Arizona | 25. Regis Synan
Export, Pennsylvania |
| 2. Robert Beckman
Cincinnati, Ohio | 14. Jerry Kraus
Craig, Colorado | 26. Mark Vaughan
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma |
| 3. Kenneth Bowra
Smithfield, Virginia | 15. Randy Luth
Becker, Minnesota | 27. Linda Walker
Newark, Ohio |
| 4. Charles Brown
Dayton, Ohio | 16. Robert Mansell
Bullhead City, Arizona | 28. James Wallace
Newburyport, Massachusetts |
| 5. Alex Carroll
Connersville, Indiana | 17. Eric Metteauer
Beaumont, Texas | 29. Jay Wallace
Smyrna, Georgia |
| 6. Ted W. Carter
Jacksonville, Florida | 18. Ernest Myers
Windermere, Florida | 30. Bruce Widener
Anderson, South Carolina |
| 7. James D'Cruz
Oakland, Florida | 19. James W. Porter II
Birmingham, Alabama | |
| 8. Richard Fairburn
Canton, Illinois | 20. David Raney
Hillsdale, Michigan | |
| 9. Richard Todd Figard
Wadsworth, Ohio | 21. Mark Robinson*
Colfax, North Carolina | |
| 10. Megan Hilbish
Emporia, Kansas | 22. Steven C. Schreiner*
Englewood, Colorado | |
| 11. Charles T. Hiltunen III
Indianapolis, Indiana | 23. Leroy Sisco
Boerne, Texas | |
| 12. Kyle Hupfer
Pendleton, Indiana | 24. Amanda Suffecool
Wayland, Ohio | |

PLEASE NOTE: Voting members may vote for no more than 29 candidates.

Respectfully submitted,


Owen Buz Mills, Chairman

* Received an attendance waiver by the NRA Board pursuant to Article IV, Section 1(a)(3) of the NRA Bylaws.

Secretary's Note: Candidate Ernest Myers withdrew from consideration after the ballots had gone to press. Therefore, his name does not appear in the biographical sketches.