

Director Candidate Registration Form

SAPFM is an organization dedicated to the understanding, education, and appreciation of American period furniture. It is an all-volunteer organization with an elected executive board that is responsible for the operation of the organization. Thank you for your interest in serving the organization as a member of the Executive Board.

Before completing this form, please review the SAPFM Mission (on sapfm.org) and consider how you will help to advance our mission via membership on the board.

NAME / SAPFM Member

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CHAPTER AFFILIATION

Great Lakes

HOURS WILLING TO COMMIT/MONTH

24 – 32

PREFERRED COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION (LIST COMMITTEES)

Review the committees listed on sapfm.org. List your top 3 preferred committee assignments in the format below. (Note, as a Director, you will be expected to lead at least 1 committee and participate in at least 2-3 others).

1. Outreach: It is imperative we attract new members for SAPFM to be viable as an entity long-term. That growth needs to go beyond our traditional audience to include a younger and more diverse membership. That will require substantial effort and imagination to both pursue and attract those groups and make period furniture relevant to them. *“Tradition is not the worship of ashes, but the preservation of fire.”, Gustav Mahler*
2. Social Media: While I am not a user of social media beyond some occasional Facebook activity, I appreciate its ability to deliver messages to target audiences. We should leverage these applications prudently to find people we might not through more traditional methods. To that end, I would be happy to work on such an initiative and would try to get advice from former colleagues who worked in marketing at my former employer to obtain suggestions on how to “sell” the organization and use search engines to our advantage.

Question: While the officers of the board are elected each year by the members of the board at that time, if you are elected to the board would you consider serving as the Vice President in 2024. if the board chose you? Yes or No

Likewise, if you are elected to the board would you consider serving as the President in 2025. if the board chose you? Yes or No

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND RELEVANCE TO BOARD PARTICIPATION

I retired at the end of 2020 after a long career in the manufacturing sector, mostly in mid to senior level management positions, in both operations and information systems. Roles included Director of Operations, General Manager, Project Manager, and Solution Architect. I currently work one day a week (in season) as a volunteer docent at Greenfield Village in Dearborn, Michigan.

WOODWORKING/FURNITURE BACKGROUND

I've been interested in woodworking since the mid-1990s, and a SAPFM member since 2010, but was very limited in actual work or participation prior to retiring as my jobs required substantial hours and travel (around 65% of an average year). I got interested in period furniture after attending the 2008 Williamsburg conference (and all of them since). I've mostly learned by trial and error, consider myself an intermediate in some skills and a novice in others. For multiple reasons, I work using only hand tools, aside from a 1947 Delta Rockwell lathe to spin wood. I maintain a modest web site about my woodworking along with some bits of historic lore at dheyza.net.

OTHER RELEVANT BACKGROUND/SKILLS/KNOWLEDGE

Working alone and in teams, juggling multiple concurrent projects/initiatives, executing to timeline and budget, creating detailed work plans and presentations, P&L responsibilities, public speaking, Microsoft Office.