



ROAD MAP COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION

2019 OFFICIAL MAIL-IN ELECTION BALLOT

This ballot is for the election of the Board of Directors to serve from Feb. 2020 through Jan. 2022. You may vote by placing an X beside the names. You may choose up to seven (7) candidates, including, if you wish, to place any write-in names in the space indicated. Ballots with more than 7 selections will be disqualified. Your ballot must be postmarked between December 15, 2019 and January 14, 2020 to be valid. Please make a copy of your completed ballot and send the original to one of the independent judges below and the copy to the second judge below. Election results will be announced by Jan. 31, 2020.

YOU MAY VOTE ELECTRONICALLY ON THE WEBSITE RATHER THAN USING THIS BALLOT BUT PLEASE DO NOT VOTE USING BOTH METHODS.

_____ **Ian Byrne**

Write-in Candidates, up to two, print name legibly

_____ **Dave Leach**

_____ **Jim Wakefield**

_____ **Walt Wimer**

_____ **Tom Sveum**

_____ **Chris Turner**

_____ **Noel Levy**

Make a copy of this ballot, mail the original to:

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CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

Ian Byrne Ian has been actively collecting road maps for nearly 25 years, though he has kept pretty well every map he has ever owned. His main interests lie with oil company maps, and he collects issues globally, with a particular liking for those from unusual locations or brands. Although based in England, he is in charge of the web version of the Petroleum Company Map Catalog, and has worked closely with Stan, Gary and Mark to ensure that it is as comprehensive as possible. Ian has contributed several articles to the Legend since its early editions, trying to balance items about US maps with some of his international finds. He also has his own website about European maps, and keeps fit by running with maps (orienteering) and cycling across strange cities from memory trying not to look at a map!

Dave Leach OK, first I'm as old as Rand McNally's accordion fold... That out of the way I began collecting when visiting a cousin in Florida who had a box of maps he had been collecting. His dad made him give one to me, so of course I chose the Sinclair Tour Kit, the one with the cartoon style US map and characters. I think I was 11. I have a wide range of collecting interests including foreign and special issue/event type maps. I've been on the RMCA Board before, did The Legend for many of our early year, and am now coordinating our exhibits at the AACCA Museum in Hershey, PA. I anticipate that my board presence will mostly be involving that exhibit, and the special exhibit we will have there in 2020. I strongly believe that we need to attract members and collectors who arrived on the scene after the gas station maps had vanished. I believe that the AACCA Museum involvement will help to a large extent, but there may be other ways we can work toward that end with local museums, libraries or schools as individual collectors. I also believe that we can and should hold small regional collectors meets in various places. I WILL BE ASKING THAT MEMBERS FIND WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE – THAT RMCA NOT BE THE SAME GROUP OF ACTIVE MEMBERS!

Jim Wakefield I started collecting road maps when I was a teen in the early 1970s, and have been collecting ever since. I currently have almost 45,000 different road maps in my collection, and it is still growing. I have been a member of RMCA since 2000, and have been on the Board of Directors since 2009. My first major project as an RMCA Director was to create the Comprehensive Lists of Oil Companies that Issued Road Maps for our website. Another project of mine was to organize the 2012 RMCA West Coast Map Meet. In addition, to that I have written several Legend articles and contributed to several more, updated the RMCA bylaws, and contributed to updates of the Master Oil Company Maps Index that is also on the RMCA website. I also served on the organizing committees for several of the RMCA Map Expos. Most recently, I lead the RMCA's recent successful effort to become certified as a 501c(3) non-profit by the IRS. I am now heading the committee tasked with updating the RMCA website to reflect the RMCA's new status as a non-profit entity.

Walt Wimer I started collecting gasoline road maps sometime in 1949-50 after a March 1949 trip to Florida with my parents after seeing all the different brands of gasoline that were not sold in western Pennsylvania. That trip, now over 66 years ago, resulted in a lifelong interest in gasoline brands and oil company marketing as well as collecting maps and other items from the oil companies. By the mid-1970s, when the oil companies began to drop their long time map programs, which dated back to the 1920s, I had collected some 1,400 maps. All of them free at gas stations! But then with little in the way of current maps, my collection went on the back burner. But then in the late eighties I ran across a pair of early 1930s Freedom maps at an automotive flea market and my interest was rekindled. I figured there must be more old maps out there! Through CHECK THE OIL magazine I got in touch with other collectors and was one of the first members of the RMCA when it was formed. I have enjoyed being part of the club and hope to continue for some years to come.

Tom Sveum I started collecting oil maps on family vacations to Glacier, the Seattle World's Fair, and California in the late 50's and 60's. I continued making road trips with friends in college. For about 10 years I also mailed away for officials from the US and Canada. I was happy to learn that others also collected road maps when I found out about the RMCA and joined in the late 90's. At first when friends in the RMCA asked me what I collected I said--all road maps. It took me several years and annual map shows to realize that the maps that meant the most to me were oils from the "golden age of maps" (1955-1973) that showed the locations of gas stations listed or with symbols on the map. I also now collect more recent location maps given out by Sheetz, Love's, and even fast food and motel chains. I have put together a list of maps with locations that now is in the Member's section of our website.

Chris Turner I joined RMCA in the late 1990s and have been a member since, traveling to most of the MapCons in Hammond, Columbus, Indianapolis, Sevierville and now Hershey. Home is Jeffersonville, Indiana, a new toll bridge trip from downtown Louisville.

During the last year on the board, I've helped the committee that answers inquiries and handles incoming map donations to the club. Through the committee's efforts, RMCA now has a process to ensure donations are received, stored, sorted and displayed for the MapCon -- and soon, auctioned to members as well. Committee members have answered dozens of questions and "what ifs" for several months. It's our challenge to encourage new members to enjoy our hobby. It is our mission to brainstorm ideas and then channel our enthusiasm to others. Every road map is an original source material that tells the evolution of our society. Maps will always be relevant, whether on paper or as a digital image. At work, I give directions to news reporters and photographers sometimes by landmarks ("Turn left at the Dairy Queen"), and sometimes with the help of a well-worn Mapsco grid book. It's important to have extra information to supplement the GPS!

Noel Levy Probably my initial foray into accumulating road maps was in the early to mid-1960's, when we took road trips from Amarillo, Texas, where I grew up, went to far flung places like Colorado, Ohio, New England and the 1968 World's Fair in San Antonio. We'd stop for gasoline, and I'd be grabbing all of the different maps in the rack in the service station office from brands like Cities Service, Marathon, Standard, Pure, Esso, Flying A and Sunoco. Meanwhile, my father would be busy throwing out all of the maps I had picked up at our last fuel stop! Back in Amarillo, when the weather was nice, which was most of the time, I jumped on my bicycle and headed to all of the many

local service stations. Plus the terrain was flat, and the traffic was no problem. We had so many brands: American, Champlin, Chevron, Conoco, Deep Rock, Enco, Fina, Gulf, Hancock, Mobil, Phillips 66, Shamrock, Sinclair and Texaco. I always made sure to sneak the maps back into the house before my father got home! But it wasn't until 1982, when I was living in south Austin, that I finally realized that road maps were a collectible. I wandered into an antique shop that day, and found a 1926 Cities Service map of Texas, and a 1952 Esso map of Arkansas-Louisiana-Mississippi. Both maps for only five dollars! Bought them both, and that's how it all began. Why do I want to be a director? I want to see road map collecting become a hobby that piques interest from the population at large, and lasts at least another hundred years! We need to do more to expand our reach across the country, and even around the world.