

RUSA Board Member Candidates

ED FELKER

I have been randonneuring since 1996, primarily through brevets in the Washington, D.C. area. I have completed six 1200K randonnees, and have met many of you at brevets around the country.

I enjoy volunteering. I currently administer the RUSA R-5000 award and write a column for RUSA's American Randonneur newsletter. I volunteer for the D.C. Randonneurs

and served on its board. I maintain The Daily Randonneur blog that publishes randonneur stories and photos.

I wish to help RUSA continue its responsive governance and seek out new ways to support members and organizers. I hope you give me your vote!

Home: Washington, D.C.;
Member since 1998.



PHYLLIS HAMILTON

I have worked for National City Bank for 36 years in various roles. I have been a RUSA Member since 1999. I have been cycling since 1981 and with my husband, Don, started randonneuring on our tandem in 1997, after being inspired by other friends who were also randonneuring. We completed a full brevet series in 1998 and 1999 and followed that up with successfully

completing 2 Paris-Brest-Paris. We continued participating in the Ohio Brevet Series as both riders and event workers, again completing a full series in 2001 and 2003. In 2007 I was part of the RUSA Volunteer Team working for the ACP at Paris-Brest-Paris.

I have assisted my husband, Don, Membership Chairman for RUSA, in processing applications



since 2000. If elected to the board I will assist the organization in making prime decisions and in keeping RUSA successful.

Greg Olmstead

If elected, I intend to serve on RUSA's Board with the same skills I use to run my small business. Both roles require listening to new ideas, solving problems, finding new members, all within the constraints of a budget and within the framework of the organization's mission.

I believe in RUSA's mission and goals, and want to work towards making RUSA an even more valuable asset to its members.

Currently, I ship brevet medals as a RUSA volunteer. I've been a part of RUSA since 2006, completed 65 events from 100K to 1200K, and earned the R-5000 and R-12 awards.



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Cecil Reniche-Smith

As a relative newcomer to randonneuring, I was thrilled to be nominated for the RUSA Board. It was not until 2007 that I discovered the sport, but after my first populaire, there was no turning back. Since 2007, I have explored every aspect of the sport from a fleche

to a series to my first R-12, and, soon, my first 1200; meeting great people along the way and spreading the gospel of the brevet. If I am elected to the Board, my hope is that I can continue to introduce new riders to the sport, and to help keep the traditions alive.



JENNIFER WISE

It's an honor to be elected to the RUSA board. I'd like to be re-elected and here's what I bring to the table. As a RUSA founding member, I bring historical perspective to board discussions. As the organizer of the Boston-Montreal-Boston 1200k Grand Randonnée, I have event organizational experience. As a past President of RUSA, I understand the workings of the organiza-

tion. I bring my retail bike business experience to managing the RUSA Store. As a past President of Randonneurs Mondiaux, I maintain a unique bond with our international colleagues. I am dedicated to this organization and each of its members. I respectfully ask for your vote in this election.

—Jennifer Wise
RUSA Member #1



RBA Liaison Candidate

JOHN LEE ELLIS

The past year as RBA Liaison has only confirmed what I've experienced anecdotally for years: that our RBAs are a diverse and hard-working bunch! Both aspects are important. RUSA values the diversity of the different regions, terrains, ridership, and RBA style. And as each RBA knows, doing our job well requires a fair amount of sweat and care. The personal touch counts for a lot.

And personally, I can vouch for

another "active" season hereabouts, beset with weather challenges (wettest spring in years), new developing riders who show great promise, and ramping up first-timers to their own new high water mark, whether it's a first brevet, an SR series, or a 1200k (some of these quite early in the season for Coloradoans, an added challenge).

I would be pleased and honored to be your RBA Liaison for a second year.



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