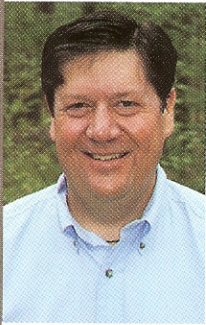


Board Candidates

2008-2010

Corey Anderson



I QUIT! And it was the best thing I ever did! On January 1, 2007, I left my regular-paying job to pursue life as a full-time woodturner and to find my way to the board of directors of AAW. The 30-year career that I left behind helped me to develop valuable organizational skills and an ability to work effectively with diverse groups of people. I am confident that these

qualities will be an asset to the board of directors and to the committees on which I serve.

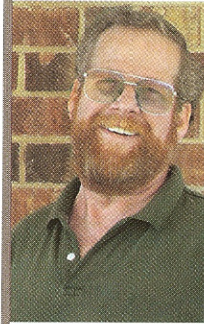
As president of Central Connecticut Woodturners, I am most proud of the collaborative work our club has done with towns that have needed to sacrifice favorite historical trees for "development." I've persuaded several town councils to give these trees a second life by turning them into artistic pieces that can be donated back to them for use in fund-raising auctions for their local historical societies. These relationships have reinforced our club's solid reputation while simultaneously solving sticky public relations problems for the towns.

As a member of the Nutmeg Woodturners League, I also have been able to introduce woodturning to school-aged students throughout the state. Educating the next generation of woodturners is so important! One of the most interesting experiences to date was working with The American School for the Deaf, where we provided turning demonstrations and hands-on woodturning opportunities for the kids. Watching them discover a means of creative expression that before had not existed for them made it incredibly rewarding.

I am committed to this organization and am eager to share my energy and ideas by filling a position on the board of directors. I hope you agree that I have something special to offer and decide to vote for me in the upcoming election!

*Corey Anderson
East Hampton, Connecticut*

Temple Blackwood



I ask to be elected to the AAW board in order to extend my service and experience into the national classroom of woodturners, especially in the area of bringing more young people to turning and in preserving the uniquely personal connection we enjoy in our association. I have a passion for learning and teaching; I enjoy my career as headmaster

in an independent secondary school, managing the organizational complexities of a volunteer board, our challenging parents and students, our faculty/staff, and our nonprofit private funding.

As a career English teacher and school head, I offer classes and clubs in woodturning with many students and faculty members, creating summer, winter, and workshop programs for turners at all levels. Similarly, as a founding member of the Chesapeake Woodturners (founding treasurer, webmaster) and as one of the turners who prefers to turn multiples and to use the magic skew chisel, I have been honored as a regular demonstrator and teacher for other turners. Having two of my sons in adulthood join me as woodturning artists brings a special dimension to our relationship and family. The blend of my own passion for turning and my enjoyment in teaching enhances my commitment to our craft and art.

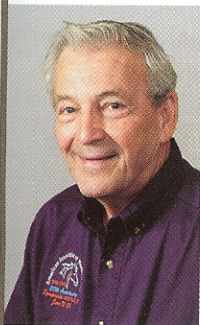
After 38 years of active woodturning, I find my work and family obligations have changed to allow me to seek election to the board of the AAW. I am eager to join the community of woodturners/leaders who have been my friends as we look for ways for the AAW to improve in its services and to sustain its valuable role in connecting so many of us who share this wonderful gift.

*Temple Blackwood
Davidsonville, Maryland*

In an envelope accompanying this issue are instructions for online voting for three AAW board members to serve from 2008 through 2010. If you don't have Internet access (your own or a family member, AAW chapter member, or library), please mail the paper ballot included in your renewal envelope.

Each of the six candidates wrote a statement that follows.

Tony Cortese



I will be completing a two-year term as a board member as of December 2007. During my term I have served with a group of very dedicated and talented individuals who had one common goal in mind: fulfilling the AAW's Mission Statement. I served for the past one and a half years, as a board member and on the Educational Opportunity Grants committee, the conference

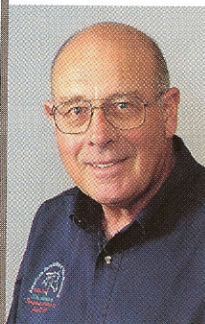
committee, and the marketing committee. Currently I am holding the office of secretary and parliamentarian. Exchanging and brainstorming ideas for the benefit of all woodturners, though frustrating at times, was rewarding and productive. The knowledge and experience I gained while serving on those committees will continue to aid and assist me for working on future committees.

Like many other new board members, I failed to realize the enormous task the AAW board of directors fulfilled and managed. The forethought for staggered terms of board directors proved to be a godsend to us new members. The knowledge, encouragement, and guidance from senior members were very supportive.

My belief that woodturning should be recognized as an art medium by the general public and has been my main focus. I would continue to work towards that end. Education of the public and woodturners should be paramount in our efforts to keep the AAW strong and growing. My networking with other woodturners has given me a greater sense of what we must do to accomplish that goal of total recognition in the woodturning community. Therefore I respectfully seek reelection to a full term as a board member to continue to work for the goals of the AAW.

*Tony Cortese
Dunnellon, Florida*

Bill Haskell



Having now served for the better part of three years on the AAW board, I have found the experience to be rewarding and exciting. Working with fellow board and AAW members who give a great deal to make the organization the successful one that it is, as well as with a dedicated and hardworking staff, I have clearly seen that the AAW is an outstanding and energetic organization

of which I feel very proud to be a part.

As I look back over the past few years, I see a growing organization in which the board has worked hard to find ways of providing more in the way of membership value and public education. Expanding journal content, creating more and better exhibitions and catalogs, improving the *Resource Directory*, hiring an executive director, and taking initial steps in reorganizing how the board of directors operates are some of the things in which I have been involved. I fervently believe that these aspects of the AAW are important to the organization and its membership, and I hope to continue to be actively involved in them.

It has been an honor to serve on the board for three years, during which I was secretary for one year, treasurer for two years, exhibitions chair for three years, and an active participant of the publications committee. I hope to serve for an additional three-year term so I can continue to provide leadership in these areas and work on those plans and projects that have been started and will come to pass over the next three years. I'm strongly committed to finding ways of providing more membership value, a growing exhibition and public presence that showcases woodturning both as a craft and an art form, and the process of transitioning the board from a group of volunteer workers to a strong and active leadership body. I believe I possess the experience and skills to make a positive difference in our AAW organization.

*Bill Haskell
Placentia, California*

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Malcolm Tibbetts



While the AAW board has made much progress during recent years, there is still much to be done and I would like to continue to contribute for one more term.

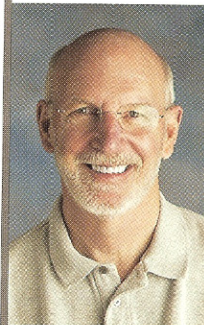
My goals and views are:

- To reduce membership expenses (I know, like a politician promising to lower taxes). The AAW treasury is strong; there is no reason to increase dues or symposium fees. I also believe a reduction in symposium registration fees can be achieved.
- To continue advocating the increase of the *American Woodturner* journal publication from the current four issues a year to six per year.
- To promote woodturning as an art form by supporting exposure through exhibitions and publicity opportunities.
- To increase awareness of woodturning within our school systems. Woodturning growth depends upon the participation of youth.
- To continue as the chair of the EOG committee to award grants in the fairest way possible.
- To continue to be responsive to the best interests of the membership.

Many years ago, the AAW introduced me to a fascinating world, and my journey of woodturning discovery has greatly benefited from my involvement with this wonderful organization. As a full-time studio artist and as a demonstrator, the AAW has provided opportunities for me to share my woodturning passion with others. Continued service on the board would be both an honor and an effective way for me to give something back. I have a strong background in business as a corporate operations vice president. I am a good listener and capable of implementing innovative ideas. I would like to help assist in the AAW's continued success. I ask for your trust, your confidence, and for your vote.

*Malcolm Tibbetts
South Lake Tahoe, California*

Tom Wirsing



I'm currently serving my second term as president of the Front Range Woodturners, the Denver chapter of the AAW. It's a wonderful club—big, growing, and enthusiastic! I've focused my efforts on understanding the diverse needs of the membership and in ensuring the club meets everyone's needs, from rank beginner to decorated professional. We have a world-class

demonstrator every month, twice-monthly mentoring classes for beginners, and weekly techniques classes for intermediate and advanced turners. We support the annual Rocky Mountain Woodturning Symposium, and we sponsor an annual scholarship at Colorado State University.

My objective is to give back far more than I take. As an AAW board member, I'll do exactly the same. I'll communicate often with you, our members, to ensure I understand your diverse needs, and I'll work hard to ensure the AAW meets those needs.

I've had a very diverse life. I spent most of my business career as a manager with a large international computer company, where I designed, marketed, and sold computers used in business, science, and industry. I served as an officer in the US Air Force and as a diplomat representing the USA on a NATO Standards Body in Brussels, Belgium. I've served on various boards and am currently serving my third term on the President's Advisory Board of Roanoke College. I've been in all 50 states, at least 50 foreign countries, and have lived in Europe and Asia. I have the organizational skills, leadership qualities, and breadth of experience necessary to become an effective member of the AAW board. I ask for your support in doing so.

I live with my wife, Melinda, who is also an active AAW member, on a ranch in the foothills of the Colorado Rockies, where I graze Angus cattle, build cabinets, and turn wood.

*Tom Wirsing
Longmont, Colorado*