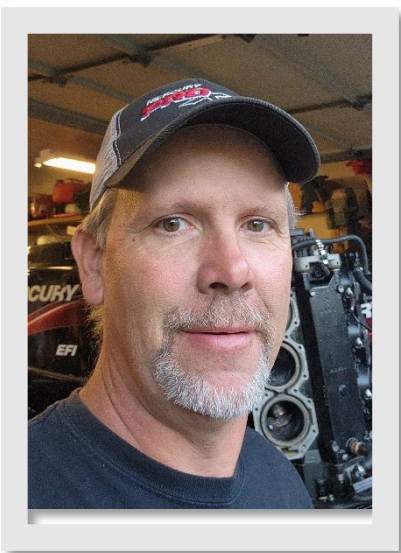


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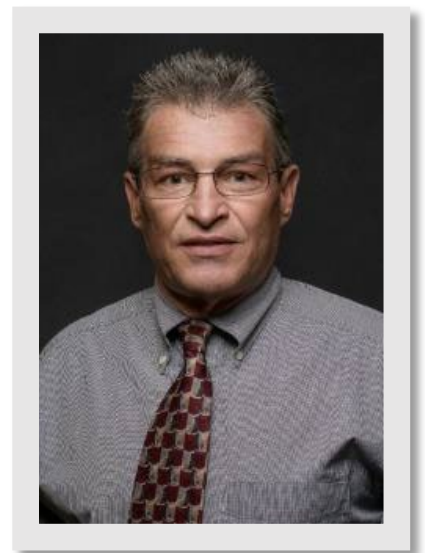
## ***CHAIR CANDIDATE BIOS & VISIONS***



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# **MODIFIED OUTBOARD CHAIRPERSON CANDIDATE - 2024**

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## **DAREN GOEHRING**

**Marysville, WA**

Daren has been involved with boat racing since he was 25, when he was introduced to the outboard motors being used in racing in 1993. He started in APBA tinkering with the Yamatos for other racers, while being a Mercury Outboard certified technician. He then started racing himself the following year. He has raced multiple stock, modified, and PRO outboard classes, which include 20ssh-DSH in Stock, 350-850 in MOD and 700/1100r in PRO. He has also raced tunnel boats, including 45SST and Formula 200. He has won multiple National Championship, which include DSH and 850CCMH. He also has won multiple High Point Championships in Stock and MOD, along with owning 10 speed records, including a KILO record of 106.7mph in 850CCMH. He currently is on “break” from racing due to a severe back injury but is hoping to get back into the classes he still runs, which include 750CCMH and 850CCMH.



Daren has been a Modified Commissioner for 15yrs, serving to the Chairman during those years as a Commissioner representing Reg10. He is still an active Commissioner and is part of the technical committee. He has also served Seattle Outboard Association as a race director, putting on 3 different events this year, along with at least 2 races a year for the past 6yrs. He will also be the co-race director for the 2024 Stock/Mod/J Nationals in Moses Lake. Also, he has served SOA as a long-time Board Member and Commodore for 8yrs, serving the members of SOA, which is one of the biggest outboard clubs in APBA. He also headed the program to assemble SOA a new rescue boat for the 2018 Nationals, which is one of the best outfitted rescue boats in the country. Daren also is currently serving Region 10 as a Board of Director.

Daren has boat racing in his blood and will always be involved in one way or another or wherever the other passionate members of APBA need his help. Daren owns a marine repair business, so he knows how to plan and set goals and work with immediate deadlines. He has the leadership skills to run the Modified Outboard category, which is obvious by his previous 8yrs of being the Commodore of Seattle Outboard Association and putting on multiple National Championship events. He is now looking to guide the Modified Category members into the future and find ways to grow our category, work in conjunction with other categories, grow our sport, and show others how much fun, but challenging boat racing is.

Daren’s family life is also dedicated to boat racing, as he has an 11yr old and a 15yr old nephew who just started racing in the last few years. He is teaching them the lessons and skills he has learned throughout his near 25yrs of racing in APBA. He is now teaching them how to take apart and fix the motors they race, instead of doing the work himself. This shows the dedication he has for the sport and for other racers to grow their skills and knowledge and set them on a path to be an APBA leader.



# ***MODIFIED OUTBOARD 2024 CATEGORY VISION BY: DAREN GOEHRING***

It is my goal to create a stronger Modified Category and move into the future. My hopes are to condense the amount of classes we currently run into some main core classes and work to promote those classes. It is also my goal to make a better and easier entry into the modified category for new racers, be it with a mentor program and also for more driving schools that the Modified Category contributes to, by available resources and funding to APBA clubs that run Modifieds. I also believe for the Modified category to grow we need to continue searching for new ideas for motors that are more easily available, like the current Fireball 125. I would also like the Modified Category to reach out to our motors builders, boat builders, propeller builders, etc to hold some online tutorials, training, etc, such as Zoom or Teams, so that we can get more people involved in learning how to build their engines, boat or props, versus just buying someone else's stuff and not being able to maintain it. We are lacking the mechanical ability nowadays for people to join the Modified Category and we need to lessen that entry point. Overall, my goal is to keep our category strong moving into the future!

- Daren Goehring



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## **LOGAN SWEENEY**

**Delaware, OH**

Logan Sweeney began racing in 2009 following in the footsteps of his family. He launched his racing career by being inducted into the Hall of Champions as the youngest ever to do so. In his first year of racing, Logan won: J hydro National Championship, Central Divisionals, North American Championship, J hydro high points, and broke a record (which still stands). He has also been inducted into the Hall of Champions for AX hydro (2012), and twice for 500MR (2019, 2022). In 2019, Logan received the 2019 Paul Kalb award for achieving, just shy of 10,000 high points in 500MR.



Logan realizes that he has had a good deal of help along the way. He would like to thank his family, Jim and Amy Sweeney, and his brother Michael Sweeney for the guidance and support which allowed him to race and earn 4 inductions into the Hall of Champions.

While racing, Logan attended college at Eastern Michigan University, earning a bachelor's degree in Sport Management. In college, Logan took various classes that will prepare him for a leadership position. Those classes include: Sport Leadership, Sport Event Planning, Sport Economics and Finance, Sport Governance and Sport Risk Management. Sweeney aspires to become part of a front office team in operations. Logan has also completed three different and unique internships which include student manager, assistant coach for his local high school, and being a film and recruiting intern.

Although Logan has not been involved with the committees, he still enjoys debating and discussing certain topics to better the sport and category. Logan is young enough where he doesn't have any preconceived notions about how the category should be run, which is why if he was to be elected as chairman he would look up to the "elders" of the category, relying on them for guidance on process and procedures. Logan considers being a "youth" a positive because he has an abundance of energy and excitement on how we can make this category the best and most productive. Communication will be the key in Sweeney's tenure, He will listen to what anyone has to say and present it to the committee for their approval or denial. Logan's plan for future National Championships would be to stay closely aligned with the Stock and J categories so people don't have to choose which National Championship to attend. Sweeney would further involve west coast racers by awarding more North American Championships in hopes of drawing more participation.

Logan would like to thank Tom Sutherland for his years of service to this category and hopes to not only replicate what he has done, but to make this category even better. Sweeney hopes to use Tom's wisdom and guidance to effectively run the Modified Category. Logan has the experience and resources to effectively govern the Modified Outboard Category and help wherever he can. He has all the energy and excitement from having the chance to be able to become Modified Outboard chairman. Logan thanks everyone for their time and attention and hopes everyone will consider him when casting their vote for the Modified Outboard Chairman.



# **MODIFIED OUTBOARD 2024 CATEGORY VISION**

## **BY: LOGAN SWEENEY**

Thinking about the future on anything can seem like a guessing game and for the most part it is, no one knows what the future holds for any of us. It can be nerve-racking deciding the fate of an entire category, but I have a lot of visions in mind as to how I see the modified outboard category for the future. Some of my ideas are getting more young people involved and by having me become the modified outboard chairman I believe it will spark passion in the younger generation, using social media more and getting news, updates, and even high points sooner, finding and introducing more younger engines so the future is taken care of, and even fixing the HOC point system etc... I believe all of these ideas could become critical in the survival of this category.

When you see the word future you think of high-tech machinery or even what you'll be doing, but the one thing you should be wondering is how will the younger generation adapt to and evolve the sport of boat racing. With me being as young as I am, I have a connection to the younger generation that very few have that is currently on the commission. My vision is to learn from the current commission and when the time is right, bring the young and bright minds to the MOD category that will become the future.

Everyone looks at high points all throughout the year, but there are times when you need results almost as soon as they happen. In the future I hope to get a spreadsheet of all results for each class and every scorer can update it in real time so that we won't have to wait for the results on the APBA website. Some clubs are already doing that after each race and the people chasing high points and hall of champions points can get results fast. This will improve happiness and reduce stress for the APBA HQ so they won't feel pressured into getting results out as soon as possible.

My visions are to help not only the modified outboard category, but all of boat racing. I think we can all agree that boat racing is our life and we wouldn't know how to live without it, that's why I see the outboard categories (MOD, Stock, J, and PRO) discuss working together and not separately. I know it hurts everyone that races both categories when the nationals split so that's why I want to keep the Stock, MOD, and J categories together for the future. I was special friends with Mark Wheeler and Jeff Williams before their passing and I have learned a lot from them in terms of how they would help all of boat racing. I think we are heading in the right direction already, we just need the right driver in the cockpit to steer the ship.

- Logan Sweeney



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## ***ROBERT TROLIAN*** ***Trenton, MI***



Robert started racing in 1981 and competed until 1996. He was then out of racing until 2016. Robert has raced in Stock, Mod, Pro, and OPC. His entire family has raced before and some still do. He also started the Scoopomaniacs program in support of the Junior Classes Scholarship and young up-and-coming drivers. Robert would be proud to serve our members and bring a new perspective after serving on both the OPC Commission and the APBA Council-at-Large.





# ***MODIFIED OUTBOARD 2024 CATEGORY VISION BY: ROBERT TROLIAN***

My vision for the Modified Outboard category if elected Chairman is to promote our category to attract new members, promote APBA, and educate clubs on marketing their product to attract sponsors for their events. I would also like to see some modernization of motors used in our classes to allow new members to purchase new equipment that is race ready. I also feel there is a gap in the relationship of our members from different parts of the country and I would love to be able to bridge that gap. If elected I will make myself available to all members and allow them to voice their ideas, opinions, concerns, and complaints and assure them that they are being heard and addressed.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Trolian

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