

FOUR Nominees for Director Positions 2018

My name is Loren Book. I have been an active MMCI member and strong supporter of the Club's mission many years. When asked to run for the Board again I accepted because I believe I can contribute ideas and energy to help make MMCI a strong and thriving club. I know what it takes to get things done and pledge to you that I will not just fill a director seat, but will actively work with our directors, volunteers and members. The mission of the Minneapolis-Moline Collectors is to educate the public about the MM company and companies that came before MM. I promise to do that if you elect me to the Minneapolis-Moline Collectors Board.

MM is in my blood. I grew up using MM tractors and implements; my father was an MM dealer in Nevada, IA. Some of you have visited our farm in central Iowa when Ruth and I have an open house connected with Shows. It's obvious we are MM enthusiasts (well, I'm fortunate that she's a great supporter of my passion for all things MM) when you see our small museum and line up of tractors and implements. I especially enjoy the history of the three MM companies and have built a collection around them. I'm all about sharing our MM heritage with others and promoting Minneapolis-Moline.

I'd like to use my enthusiasm and past experience for MMCI. Here are some challenges our club faces: Attracting new, next-generation members; using social media more effectively to promote the value of being an MMCI member; establishing a home for our MM artifacts, research material, and history; finding ways to help enthusiasts and collectors remember MMCI in their wills. We have several good projects, such as preservation grants and oral histories; I'd like to see us promote these, as well as create other ways to be the "go to organization" for Minneapolis-Moline enthusiasts. I will listen to your concerns and ideas. I'd be honored to receive your vote and will work hard as a Director for you, the member.

My name is Jay Groskreutz. I have been serving the past three years as your president on the MMCI board of directors. My wife, Kimberly, and I live in Minnesota Lake, which is located in south central Minnesota with our two daughters. I was raised on a farm six miles outside Minnesota Lake. Growing up, I knew that I would always have an interest in tractors. After high school, I went on to technical school for agricultural mechanics. Soon after, I found my career. I have been employed with John Deere as a service technician for the past 31 years.

I have a family connection with Minneapolis Moline. My grandfather purchased his first MM, which was a U. For several years, my father and uncle used MM equipment in their daily farming operation. Currently, I have a brother who uses MM on his dairy farm. In my spare time, I make hay, with my Minneapolis Moline equipment, which feeds my beef cattle. Minneapolis Moline has been part of the Groskreutz farming family for 80 years.

For the last 36 years, I have been an avid toy and memorabilia collector. My main collection is based on MM. Over the years, I have been to several shows and tours. I enjoy meeting new collectors and reminiscing with fellow club members, who all are eager to talk about the history of MM.

If I am reelected to serve on your board of directors, I will continue to full fill the club needs along with willing to help out in any way that I can. I would be open minded about any new ideas that would help the club grow and remain strong and thriving.

Thank you,

Jay Groskreutz

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My name is **Kelly Stamm** and I am honored to be considered for a MMCI Board of Directors position. I served one term as a director in the mid-2000s, but declined a 2nd term because I was missing some of my daughter's high school activities. Now that my children are grown, I feel I have more time to dedicate to the position if chosen.

Unlike most candidates, I don't have a family history of growing up farming with Minneapolis-Molines. My connection to M-M's started about 34 years ago when my husband [then boyfriend] introduced me to tractors on his family farm. His collection grew over the years, and eventually he started buying and selling parts, which now has become a part-time business for us both. Once we discovered the national show circuit, we found it to be a great educational family mini-vacation to expose our children to. As young adults, Jay and Brooke still attend shows when they can, as they love the MM circle of friends they've known since they were toddlers. Our soon-to-be 5-year old grandson's eyes light up when there's mention of going to a "tractor show". MMCI has programs in place to get the attention of all ages. There's a coloring contest for toddlers to adults, which teaches contestants about the history of Minneapolis-Moline through the pages of the 1930's dealership coloring book. We have Preservation Grants whereby youth and adults can receive funds to help restore a piece of MM history. We have a scholarship program, Oral Histories Grants, and so much more.

What I feel I can bring to the table are two things: 1) A strong desire to see this club and the MM legacy live on through our youth, and 2) a determination to increase our membership in order to keep the MMCI club and its programs moving forward. Thank you for considering me as a candidate for the MMCI board of directors.

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I am Algie (Al) Slindee. My wife Kay and I reside in rural Elma, Iowa. We have four children, seven grandchildren and six great grandchildren. I am retired and rent the farm out.

My first M.M. tractor was my grandfathers 27-44 Twin City that he purchased new. I purchased it at his estate sale in 1980. We used Minneapolis Moline, Oliver and White tractors on our farming operation. I worked as a parts manager and mechanic in my earlier years for farm equipment dealers after I served four years in the Marine Corps. I have been restoring three M.M. tractors at present, one of which is an "R" cab tractor.

I am now serving as chairman of the preservation grant. I have been with MMCI since the beginning. Serving on the board has been a pleasure and I feel that I am helping MMCI grow.