

2025 PCA Chicago Region Candidate Information

Grace Chen – Director

By way of introduction, my name is Grace Chen. I am running for the open Director position within the PCA - Chicago Region. Many of you may already know me from various PCA events but for those that don't, let me introduce myself. My favorite parts of this Club are the people and camaraderie within the PCA family and the broader Porsche community. My main focus as a director would be to foster members, along with their co-members, to be active and engaged within our Club. If given the opportunity to be Director, I can offer enthusiasm, an ability to plan and organize, and a willingness to assume responsibilities and challenges.

My background is in accounting. I started my career with Price Waterhouse in New York, later moving into industry and becoming an Assistant Controller. After taking a year off for the birth of my first daughter, I started consulting part time to achieve a greater work life balance and to devote time to my growing family. However, this did not stop my enthusiasm for achievement. I reported to the CFO and VP of Finance and worked on special projects such as recommending process improvements, developing departmental process and procedures, and evaluating automated accounting processes. In 2019, I retired the same time my second daughter graduated from high school to pursue my personal interests. Now, you will find me traveling more often than not, and constantly pursuing new interests and adventures. I am an active volunteer for the Mother's Trust Foundation, which provides immediate assistance to children of low-income families during times of crisis. I enjoy cooking, watercolor painting, music, epee fencing and birdwatching.

My husband, Derek, and I have been PCA-Chicago Region members since 2015. Our first introduction to the Club was on John and Beth Diwik's PCA Driving Tour to the Ozarks where we were warmly welcomed into the Club. Since then, Derek and I have been active participants and volunteers in many of the Club's social activities. Although I don't track (except for Ladies' Track Day, a fantastic opportunity for novices), autocross, rally, or concours our cars, I enjoy attending the events as a spectator. Derek and I both actively volunteer in PCA's national events such as the annual Porsche Parades, Sportscar Together Fest and Rennsport Reunion 7. During these weeklong events, you will typically find us behind the scenes volunteering at the PCA stores, corralling cars for the parades, taking pictures, or acting as either the lead or chase car during the planned driving tours. Many of you may also recognize my husband, Derek. He is frequently found behind the camera at PCA events taking pictures for the Club, and his photos are regularly found in The Scene. He is also the person who provides me with technical knowledge of the cars. This is especially important when I see people hovering over certain cars at events, and I want to understand why :) In 2019, Derek, my girls and I were awarded PCA - Chicago Region's Family of the Year Award.

As mentioned, I am not afraid of assuming responsibilities and new challenges. As you may know, I am chairing this year's PCA - Chicago Region Dinner & Awards Gala. My goal for this year's event is to encourage interactive experiences amongst our guests. This year's event will include new and interactive activities to engage each table, creating a super fun and memorable event. Regarding new ideas for the Club, as Director, I would like to promote more interactive opportunities where both members and co-members would like to jointly participate in our Club activities, such as group cooking

classes, Porsche inspired art classes followed with a group meal, etc. These are examples of my belief in the importance for members to be engaged and actively meeting each other. I love to paraphrase my favorite saying "Members who participate together, grow together."

If I am chosen as a Director for this Club, I will be that someone who will work with enthusiasm, I will be that someone willing to try new things and ideas, and I will be that someone who is willing to put in the necessary work to get things done.

Thank you for your consideration.

Ross Conforti – Director

It is not very common to have had a truly life-long relationship with an organization, but thanks to my father, that has been my experience with PCA Chicago Region. For the last 32 years I have attended a number of club events, and for roughly the last 20 years I have helped out in some capacity with the club, ultimately becoming a primary member myself in 2012. Initially volunteering with tech, then helping new drivers through instruction, and also since 2012 managing the online registration for our two DE events at Road America each year.

When I got my driver's license I began participating in events like the autocross school, and then moved to drivers' education days. While driving on the track is my favorite of the club's many activities, I also frequently attend the social events, tech sessions, and Porsches and Pastries held throughout the year. At all of these events, what stands out are not just the amazing cars, but the other club members, many of which I am glad to have as friends and share engaging conversations about a variety of topics.

Having attended the majority of the club's board meetings over the past four years, I feel ready to increase my involvement in the club through the open director position on the board. I have the background to respect the history of the club, while considering new events and changes that are necessary to ensure others can enjoy the club as much as I have long into the future.

Thank you for your consideration when you vote for this year's open positions, I look forward to continuing to participate and offer my ideas and support to this incredible organization!

Larry Daujotas – Director

I'm excited to announce that I'm running for an open Director position on the PCA Chicago Board of Directors and I'm asking for your support in this upcoming election. As a dedicated member of PCA for over 6 ½ years, I'm passionate about contributing to the continued success of our club and enhancing the experience for all of us who share a love for Porsche.

My connection to Porsche started when I was just 5 years old. On a family vacation, I got to sit in my aunt and uncle's 914—and I didn't want to leave! From that moment, I was hooked, and my dream of owning a Porsche stayed with me. That dream came true 7 years ago when I purchased my Cayman S, and soon after, I became an active member of PCA. This community has only deepened my love for the brand and introduced me to incredible people along the way.

In my time with PCA, I've taken part in a wide range of PCA events such as Social Events, Concours and Autocross to major Porsche gatherings like Parade, Sports Car Together Day, Luft, and Checkeditout. These events have not only strengthened my connection to Porsche but also allowed me to build lasting friendships and promote the club to non-members. Next season, I'm excited to instruct at the Autocross School and Autocross events once again, while also exploring new experiences like DE and Rally.

One of the ways I've contributed to our club was by creating a near real-time scoring system for Autocross a few years ago. I saw the need for a more transparent way to track year-end points, which led me to develop a system that allowed participants to see their standings throughout the season. If revived, I believe this could be a great feature on our new website—not only for Autocross but for events like Concours and Rally as well. Innovation like this could continue to set our Chicago Region apart.

On a personal note, I have always been eager to volunteer and assist wherever I can, whether it's lending a hand during events or offering suggestions for improvement. My enthusiasm for the club is matched by my professional skills. In my role as a Senior Manager Cloud Solution Architect at Deloitte, I manage a team of both internal staff and consultants. This experience in leadership, decision-making, and problem-solving closely mirrors the responsibilities of a Director on the PCA board. I am adept at listening to diverse viewpoints, analyzing issues, and making informed decisions for the benefit of the organization as a whole. Additionally, my background in IT could be valuable in areas such as website management or other technical improvements.

If elected, my goal is simple: to listen to our members, represent your ideas, and ensure that all voices are heard at board meetings. I'm committed to making decisions that benefit our entire community and enhance the overall member experience.

Thank you for your support! I look forward to continuing to make PCA Chicago an exciting, welcoming, and innovative club for all of us.

Mark Prescott – Director

Dear Members of PCA Chicago Region,

I appreciate the opportunity to declare my interest in a second two-year term on the Board as Director.

Some background:

1. Member of PCA since 2008
2. Participant of most activities for the club with exception of tech and timing
3. Membership coordinator for 8 years, passing the torch at the end of 2023
4. Brand enthusiast
5. Board member as Director for the last 2 years
6. Road America on-site registrar for RADE and Club Race Registrar for TRAC for the last 4 years
7. Volunteer at many events including registration for Autobahn, Gingerman, and the general membership meeting. Assisted with various social events and volunteered as a Rallye checkpoint worker and organized a Rallye school.

Goals:

1. Maintain the diversity of activities available to members
2. Help maintain and increase membership and participation
3. Preserve the financial position of the club through careful stewardship.

I truly enjoy being a part of this organization. Thank you for your consideration.