

Vote for your UMCA Leaders!

Vote Now! — deadline is March 22, 2008

Each ballot will be entered in the election prize drawing.

What aspects of the UMCA are most important to you? Are there things the UMCA does that you like, or things it does that you don't like? Are there programs you wish the UMCA would expand, or roles you would like to see filled? Now is your chance to vote and express your opinion.

If you have questions, concerns, or ideas about the UMCA and our programs, this is a great time to address them to the candidates. There's no better time to start communicating with your Directors than now when they are looking for your support in the election.

The UMCA has been a not-for-profit for five years. We have developed programs and services for our ultracyclists, the result of which is that we are one of the preeminent ultracycling organizations in North America. Our strategy is to extend these programs and services to become one of the preeminent ultracycling organizations in the world. In this election you have the opportunity to select Directors who will help lead the UMCA during this period of change.

The most important aspect of any election is the people who cast their votes. In the last election only about 15% of almost 1,700 UMCA members voted. That means that your vote counts more than you think. Someone who talks fewer than 100 members into voting could change the outcome.

Generally, we vote because we have an interest in the outcome; we think that candidates' positions are relevant to our needs; we understand that it's our civic duty or that it's important to participate if we care about the organization.

We don't bother to vote if we don't care about the result; we don't think the outcome matters; it's too



Key Dates

Candidates' statements and ballot mailed – 2/7/2008

Eligibility to vote – all members as of 3/8/2008

Validation of ballots – Signed membership form with date of birth on file with UMCA by 3/8/2008

Return of ballots – postmarked by 3/22/2008

Results announced – 4/7/2008

much trouble and we don't get around to it; we don't feel that we know enough about the candidates to make a responsible decision; or we feel that one vote out of so many makes no difference.

The UMCA is not a huge organization and your vote makes a much bigger difference in the Board election than it does when you vote for your state's governor. This year, ballots are mailed separately from the magazine and are return-addressed postage paid reply cards to make it as easy as possible.

Has your membership expired?

Go to www.ultracycling.com to renew.

If you have ideas for new projects or programs, if there are things you would like to change or if you feel you don't know enough about the candidates and their visions for the UMCA, take time to get to know those individuals. Read their enclosed statements and the longer statements on the website. E-mail them questions, inquire about their qualifications and engage in constructive dialogue. Then when the time comes, express your opinion with a ballot.

Candidates

Marko Baloh

Nick Gerlich

Tony Goodnight

Nancy Guth

Russ Loomis

Directorships

Each year four directors are elected to staggered three-year terms. Vote for four of the above.

Eligibility to Vote

Everyone who is a UMCA annual, family or life member by March 8, 2008 will be eligible to vote and will receive the ballot. Please see the note below on "validation of ballots" to ensure that you have a signed membership form on file.

Submission of Ballots

The ballots will be mailed to WATS Business Services, an independent mailing service, rather than to the UMCA Post Office Box. Each submitted ballot (the enclosed post card) must contain the member's printed name, address, date of birth and signature.

Deadline

Ballots must be submitted within 45 days (by postmark) of the date the voter packet is mailed, i.e., they must be postmarked by March 22.

Validation of Ballots

To validate the ballots each member must have on file in the UMCA office a membership form including address, date of birth and the member's signature. To determine whether you are "registered to vote" go to: www.ultracycling.com.

If you are *not* on that list your completed membership form with date of birth, signature (and 2008 dues, if applicable) must be *received* by the UMCA by March 8, 2007.

Ballot Counting

The President will appoint three neutral UMCA members and an attorney or Certified Public Accountant. Each person will count all ballots. Additional ballot tallying procedures will also be in place to certify the process.

Certifying Results

The committee will report the results to the Board, which will then vote whether to certify the results.

Announcement of Results

All candidates will be notified of the results and then the results will be published in *UltraCycling* and on the website.

Prize Drawing

After the election is over each ballot will be entered into the prize drawing. Prizes include comp annual memberships, comp entries into the Year-Rounder and the Ultracycling Cup, signed copies of books by UMCA members and a UMCA jersey.

Please vote!

Joe Jamison, UMCA President

Emily O'Brien, Elections Commissioner

Read the candidates statements – next page and www.ultracycling.com

Check membership status – www.ultracycling.com

Check voter registration – www.ultracycling.com

Renew membership – www.ultracycling.com

Vote – on page 4

Candidates for the UMCA Board of Directors

**Vote for four of the five
Vote by March 22, 2008**

Marko Baloh, 41, Ljubljana – Crnuce, Slovenia

I've been a member of UMCA for 7 years. In this period I've raced numerous races, mostly in Europe, but also in USA. From 2002 to 2006 I've done three RAAMs, Iowa 24h, Furnace Creek, Le Tour Direct, Race across the Alps, numerous 24h races, Paris-Brest-Paris... The greatest accet I've got from ultra-cycling is not only learning about myself and my limits, but more importantly getting to know loads of great people that form UMCA-community. People here are always prepared to help and have a nice word to say at the right moment, even to a total stranger.

I think UMCA must build on that - serving our membership that is here because we love to ride our bikes. From my work in private companies and in governmental institutions I am familiar with the decision making process. I'm willing to serve on the Board and help UMCA become even better.



Nick Gerlich, 49, Canyon, TX, USA

I have been a UMCA member since 1987, and have experienced it on all sides: racer, race director (RAAM and others), webmaster, UMCA Director. In 1991 I founded Hell Week Bicycle Adventures, which has grown to include camps and tours around the US. I serve on the BoD of Bike Texas and the Canyon Economic Development Corporation, and chaired my university's Marketing Plan Committee, crafting a roadmap to achieve our President's 20% growth objective. I am an endowed Professor of Marketing, and Director of Continuous Improvement in my College of Business. My plans are to help the UMCA evolve from a small, home-based business to a vibrant not-for-profit organization. Furthermore, I wish to see the UMCA build on its strengths, overcome its weaknesses, and focus on the future of long-distance cycling. I will provide leadership that is based on past experience, yet focused on tomorrow.

Tony Goodnight, 53, Salisbury, NC, USA

Hello UMCA Members

Please vote and elect Tony Goodnight as one of your Board of Directors. I will do the best I can as a Director and as a UMCA Member to help the UMCA be a good organization and complete its mission and its nonprofit purposes to members, the cycling community and the public.

There are situations affecting UMCA operations and I can help guide and direct the UMCA. UMCA has evolved into more than a bicycle club whose members, event participants, volunteers and management personnel all need to work together.

My experience and talents can help to maintain the business and nonprofit status while working with the public and UMCA members as well as help the UMCA to improve and achieve its goals in the sport of Ultracycling.

Thank you for your time, consideration and your vote!

Nancy Guth, 58, Stafford, VA, USA

As a board member, I will be committed to helping each member reach his or her personal potential, by offering a variety of programs and possibilities, and making personal contact whenever possible. I strongly support a diverse program, with races and rides offered in all regions, and at each end of the spectrum., from RAAM and RAAM qualifiers, to 1200 K's and the Year Rounder opportunities.

In 2002 I began to contribute to the UMCA by writing up race reports for the UMCA magazine. For several years, I wrote a personal column, Nancy's Notes. Through UMCA race participation and writing for the magazine, I met and encouraged many cyclists. I convinced females to take a more active participatory role in the UMCA and have developed cycling friends around the globe.

Russ Loomis, 55, Ashfield, MA, USA

I have been an active member of the UMCA since 1997 competing in the JMC, YR Challenge, State Records, RAAM Qualifiers, and 24 hr races. I am a HUB leader and in between competitions I lead weekly rides. Off the bike I continue to support the UMCA by promoting it's benefits to local non-member cyclists and writing the YR column. Presently I serve on the Board of Directors. I am also the Treasurer and I am on the Executive Committee. Before being elected to the board last year I had served on the Programs Committee.

I invite you to support me in this election so that I can continue keeping the UMCA strong and healthy. As an active competitor in the UMCA programs I realize how important these programs are to a strong and health UMCA. These programs are my top priority.

Vote for up to four directors

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There is no quorum for electing Directors by written ballot.

To validate your ballot the following are required:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ St/Prov _____ Postal code _____

Country _____

Signature _____

Mail to:

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