



BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION FORM FOR NHA BOARD ELECTIONS



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Type of Company (independent power producer, investor owned utility, municipal utility, manufacturer, equipment supplier, engineering firm, law firm or other):

National Building Trades Union

Please circle appropriate description. Your company is:

regional

national

state

Please circle:

Northwest

West

Southwest

Midwest

Middle Atlantic

Northeast

Southeast

How long have you been with your present company?

30 Year Member of the organization, 6 years in current role as Executive Director.

- **How long have you been in your present position?**

6 years

- **Briefly describe the responsibilities of your position and of your department or division as appropriate.**

Responsible for management of the Millwright Piledriver Management Fund. This includes specialized training requested by Owners and Contractors, Workforce Development – Recruitment, Trade Shows, Association memberships, industry panels, retention numbers for local councils, regulatory affairs, legislative affairs, etc.

- **Your work experience has provided you with an opportunity to develop important skills. As an NHA board of director, particular leadership and management skills are necessary to ensure that the Association receives policy direction and that it stays on course in responding to member's needs. Briefly describe the strengths and / or particular skills you would bring to the Board of Directors.**

30 years of Industry experience from both sides of the table, labor and management. I spent 20 years with General Electric's Union labor arm Atlantic Plant Maintenance. I've sat on boards and Committees for the National Maintenance Policy Committee, The Association of Union Contractors TAUC, CURT – Construction Users Roundtable, NHA, PDCA – Pile Drivers Contractors Association, DFI – Deep Foundations Institute, Business Network for Offshore Wind, IABHSC – International Association of Baggage Handling Systems Companies, ADCI – Association of Diving Contractors International. I bring experience and a voice on the project execution side, political influence of the union, and leadership experience from my 30 years in the construction industry.

- **Have you been actively involved in NHA over the last several years, served on committees, etc?**

I have been active with NHA on the Legislative affairs, regulatory affairs, small hydro committee, and Clean currents steering committee. Most recently, I've been working with Marla Barnes and Chris Hayes on bringing workforce into the spotlight.

- **If you are elected to the board, what are the specific priorities that you would pursue?**

Supporting the NHA Membership in enhancing the industry and accomplishing the goals set forth by the board on behalf of the membership. Creating more opportunities and easing pains on the legislative front and continuing to create meaningful relationships to enhance the Hydro Industry. Specifically looking to help educate on the future workforce for these projects and be a partner with owners to execute projects on time and budget through partnerships with labor.

- **Is there anything you would like to add?**

This is my third attempt to run for a board seat. I'm dedicated to the cause and the success of the NHA and its members.

- **Gender Identification**

Female

Male

Other

Prefer not to answer

- **Age**

< 30

30-39

40-49

50-59

60-69

>70

- **Race**

American Indian / Alaskan Native

Asian

Black / African American

Hispanic

Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander

White

Other

Prefer not to answer