## **Statements of the Candidates-2025**

# Jim Martin, Hallowing Point, Candidate for President

Having served on the MNCA Board since 2022 (the last two years as Secretary), I am now familiar with the key issues on our agenda and believe I am ready to take on the greater challenge of being President of the Association.

I am a retired U.S. diplomat, and I hope to use the analytical, writing, speaking, and negotiating skills developed during that career to advance the MNCA's mission. Although my wife and I only moved to Mason Neck in 2020, I had been coming here for at least 15 years before that to hike and kayak in the local parks. I am overjoyed to be living in such a beautiful natural setting and want to continue working with others to help protect it. I see the MNCA's role in connecting the neck's geographically dispersed communities as central to that effort.

I have long been involved in local issues: I also serve as Secretary of the Hallowing Point Association's Board, served for several years on the board of the neighborhood association in my previous community and volunteer at elections every year.

I would appreciate your support.

# Marvin Miller, Mason's Collar, Candidate for Vice President (Incumbent)

During the years I have had the privilege to call Mason Neck home, preserving the Neck's unique qualities has been a long-term mission for me. There have been all sorts of threats over the years Developers want to bring sewer to our peninsula so they can build housing developments. Government agencies have tried to close the horse facilities at Meadowood and recently there was a misguided effort to close off most of Meadowood for the Arlington National Cemetery Caisson Unit. Preventing these encroachments, particularly being able to help the Army obtain the much-improved facilities for the caisson horses, has been very rewarding for me. Being familiar with and able to work with our political representatives from both parties over the years has placed me in a good position to help us keep the Neck as the unique place that it is. I would be honored to be allowed to continue by efforts if elected to the Board.

Thank you for your consideration.

## John Rand, Hallowing Point, Candidate for Secretary

I am a retired lawyer with a doctorate in history from George Mason University. My wife and I purchased a home in Hallowing Point in 2017 after realizing what a special place Mason Neck was, particularly its parks and historical significance. My goal in being an active civic participant is to help try to keep Mason Neck as the jewel of Fairfax County. I am currently serving as Secretary of the Friends of Mason Neck State Park and am the candidate for Secretary of MNCA.

### **Bruce Scott, The Reserve, Candidate for Treasurer (Incumbent)**

My name is Bruce K. Scott, and I have served as Treasurer of the Mason Neck Citizens

Association (MNCA) for the past six years, having previously served as President. My personal background: I retired from the US Army in October of 2002 at the rank of Major General. For the last six years of my Army service, my late wife Mary, our six children and I lived in Government quarters at Fort Belvoir that backed up on the other side of Pohick Bay. We became great fans of Mason Neck during these years. Even though we owned a home in Fairfax, Mary really wanted to live on Mason Neck. Although we still own our original home next to the Fire Station on Gunston Road, we have moved three miles down the road and built a new home on the Potomac.

Since moving to Mason Neck, we have tried to stay involved in our community affairs and Mary was a Docent at Gunston Hall. My goal of serving on the Board of MNCA has been to advocate policies, plans and actions that ensure that the unique lifestyle and environment we enjoy in this enclave of Mason Neck is protected for our children and our children's children. Maintaining our unique quality of life and the surrounding environment remains my number one priority. I look forward to your support.

### Nancy Wilochka, Springfield Farms, Candidate for Director (Immediate Past President)

It has been an honor to lead MNCA over the past five years, and I am so proud of this Board's extensive work to preserve Mason Neck and all of the rich resources we have here. Thirteen years ago, I moved to Mason Neck from New Hampshire, embracing the open space and welcoming neighbors. Shortly after I bought my home, I attended an MNCA meeting at Gunston Hall, and I have been involved with community events ever since. I enjoy the solitude of my home and nearby hiking and equestrian trails.

I'd be honored to continue to help all of us preserve our invaluable resources on Mason Neck, and I bring along decades of experience in communications to that end. I volunteer because I feel that I can make a difference with the skills and tools that have shaped my 30+ years of work in communications. I'm a Desert Storm veteran, having served for 12 years in the Air Force as a public affairs officer and newspaper editor; 20 years in commercial broadcasting as a morning news anchor, and currently as a senior public affairs officer for the U.S. Department of Transportation.

### Dick Kennedy, Hallowing Point, Candidate for Director (Incumbent)

Sallie and I have been Neck residents since 1978 when we set out to find a house that would reduce my 10-mile commute to CIA, but we messed up somehow. We feel privileged to live in this beautiful area, where our daughters Bradley and Ashley grew up. I am also active in the Mason Neck Lions Club and the Friends of Mason Neck State Park.

I have a chem. engineering degree from Princeton but changed career paths, studied economies in Turin, Italy, and Mexico City (where I met Sallie) and then got a PhD from Rice. At CIA (1972-2003) -a marvelously apolitical place where analysts are told to gather the facts and follow wherever they lead-I worked mainly on European economic issues and was awarded the Agency's Career Intelligence Medal in 2004.

I am passionate about human rights: I heard MLK speak at Princeton, and I saw first-hand the suppression of human rights in two places--East Berlin in 1961 (two weeks after the

wall went up!) and Jackson, Mississippi in 1964, where I was a civil rights worker for five weeks. My other avocation since 1970 has been working to end the criminalization of marijuana, a drug that is far safer than alcohol or tobacco; I plan to try it myself some day; I also advocate for action on climate change in my spare time.

# Arsenio Ayon, Hallowing Point, Candidate for Director (Incumbent)

My family (wife Donnica and son Carson) and I moved from California (Bay Area) about ten years ago to pursue high-tech business opportunities with the Federal government. For the first two years, we lived in Fairfax near Chantilly. After deciding to stay in the area longer, we looked for a house near the river. We came to Hallowing Point eight years ago to an open house, we loved the area, purchased the house and have lived here since. We think that Mason Neck is an awesome place to live and raise a family and love all of what it has to offer. I have served on the board for over four years and look forward to continuing. While living in CA, I served on several neighborhood-type organization boards and a community medical clinic and have served on the board of directors for LCAC and Capital Business Development Association in the area. I am the founder and CEO of a small business providing high-tech information technology solutions to DoD and civilian agencies around the country and abroad.

I feel privileged to enjoy what previous generations built in Mason Neck and the undergoing efforts of my neighbors and friends in the community. If elected to continue to serve, my goal is to continue to work with the board to preserve and enhance the beauty of Mason Neck.

## Hillary K. Clawson, Gunston Manor. Candidate for Director (Incumbent)

After retiring from a career in information technology, I moved to Mason Neck with my husband, Kem. We have lived here for 19 years.

I feel very fortunate to live in such an exceptional area of Fairfax County.

I served as President of the Mason Neck Citizens Association for six years. I am a founding member and President of the Friends of Mason Neck State Park, Inc., a non-profit 501(c) (3) corporation that supports the park both financially and with volunteer work.

I am a member of our County Supervisor's Environmental Advisory Committee, and I have served on the Mount Vernon District's Site-Specific Plan Amendment Task Force. These positions have given me the opportunity to forge strong relationships with our local

These positions have given me the opportunity to forge strong relationships with our local and state legislators.

Keeping the interests of Mason Neck residents at the forefront, I look forward to continuing to work with our dedicated board as we protect and preserve the special environment, we all enjoy here.

#### Annie Collins, Harborview, Candidate for Director (Incumbent)

Originally from greater Boston, a job opportunity brought me to the DC area where I worked in consulting in both private and public sectors. While in DC, I met my husband, a second-generation Mason Neck resident, who introduced me to the Neck. It has been a privilege to live in this historic and beautiful area, and a joy to serve alongside our small but tightly knit community. I look forward to continuing to serve and to thoughtfully

steward the resources entrusted to us.

# Rick Hutson, Hallowing Point, Candidate for Director (Incumbent)

I have had the pleasure of serving in the role of a Director for the Mason Neck Citizens Association during the past 10 plus years. I believe that our way of life here on Mason Neck is precious and fragile and we must do all that we can to preserve Mason Neck as it is. I live in Hallowing Point with my wife, Dana, a third generation Mason Neck resident. I am a runner and kayaker and enjoy the many trails, pristine woodlands and waterways that Mason Neck has to offer. My family and I love to hike and observe wildlife in the many parks located on Mason Neck and I want to help preserve Mason Neck as the jewel of Fairfax County for my children and my children's children. I have enjoyed serving on the Mason Neck Citizens Association Board of Directors and I have enjoyed the opportunity to meet our many neighbors here on Mason Neck. I have enjoyed looking out for the interests of the citizens of Mason neck, and I look forward to continuing to serve the citizens of Mason Neck for another year.

### Peter Weyland, Gunston Manor, Candidate for Director (Incumbent)

I moved to Gunston Manor in 1976 and enjoy the river, nature and people who inhabit this wonderful peninsula. As we all know, Mason Neck is a unique and special place in this busy metropolitan area. But it will only remain unique if we, as a community, do everything we can do to protect it.

I am a current board member of the Mason Neck Citizen's Association (MNCA). I am a past president of the Gunston Manor Property Owners Association (GMPOA) and have served on the board of the Lorton Community Action Center (LCAC) for the previous ten years. I am the current MNCA representative to the South County Federation (SCF) and serve as the Transportation Chair and on the Executive Committee. I am co-founder and Secretary of the South Fairfax Chamber of Commerce.

I own an internet hosting and list serve business trading as <u>LockNet</u> LC. For the past 27 years, I have provided pro bono internet services for MNCA, LCAC, GMPOA and other area non-profit organizations. I support my wife in her expanding equine business at Meadowood. I believe in giving back to our community.

I love the beauty and tranquil environment of Mason Neck. I hope to continue to work with the board and the greater community to retain our quality of life for years to come.