Candidate for President:

Esteban Valentin

Hello everyone, my name is Esteban Valentin. I am running for the position of M Chapter President. For over a year now, I have been fortunate to serve as your M Chapter Vice President. I have successfully worked together with the current Chapter board to help grow the M Chapter from its inception into a close to 1,000-member chapter. This was all done during a difficult Pandemic year full of challenges.

I have been part of the BMW CCA since 2016 and for a better part of those years I served on Sunshine Bimmers Board as Social Chairperson. I took the initiative of holding a monthly lunch on the Space Coast and was able to collaborate with the local PCA club to run Autocross events in conjunction with them. I helped build a great relationship with my local BMW Dealer and I have helped them organize 4 BMW Car Shows at their location.

I am passionate about the BMW brand, and I enjoy meeting likeminded people. BMWCCA has become a great networking mechanism which has allowed me to meet some amazing people. I am a Software Engineer, and I am the General Manager of a Software Development Company which involves travelling and I enjoy meeting fellow CCA members when I travel by reaching out through social media.

I look forward to continuing working on the board to ensure the M Chapter continues its success and I appreciate the opportunity to help grow the BMWCCA.

The M Chapter has shown an amazing growth and my main driver for running as President is to work on maintaining continuity.

If you would like to know some more about myself, see latest Bimmerlife Fall/Winter 2021article "All In" https://bimmerlife.com/publications/2021-fall-winter-sar/

Candidate for Treasurer:

Robert (Bob) Keysar

My name is Bob Keysar, I am currently running for the position of Treasurer of the BMWCCA M-Chapter. Having been a BMWCCA Member for almost 25 years within the National Capital Chapter (15 years) and now the Blue Ridge chapter (9 years) and the ///M chapters from its inception to date. I have owned six BMW's from 1984 to Present (E30 318i, E34 325i, E46 M3, E60 530i, E90 535d, and G07 X7) thus giving me a 37 year broad base of experience with the BMW Brand.

Why the M (motorsports) brand is so critical to the BMW brand and the BMWCCA? The E26 M1 set the stage in 1978 to compete with our Porsche rivals in Group 5 racing but they could not produce the 400 road cars as required by the group 5 rules and was later pushed down into group 4 racing. But with any R/D group within an automotive company, BMW Motorsport was born and continues to produce the best in motorsport production vehicles to this day.

The BMWCCA has always been all inclusive by pulling all of the various BMW production vehicles and owners into all events. However there has been a desire amongst M owners to network and celebrate their M cars with other M car enthusiasts that would include of all M cars produced during the last 43 years. We long for events that show off all of the engineering and design the makes these BMW thoroughbreds so unique and special to own and drive. Now we have such a Chapter within the BMWCCA; our M Chapter.

As your Treasurer and board member I envision national and local recognition of the M brand by having a presence at the Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance and the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance just like our Porsche rivals do with their WERKS reunions. That's a huge first step towards building a M Motorsport community foundation nationally here where we could plan and build an annual special event at a famous regional racing venue throughout the country. Indianapolis comes to mind as an example location of where M owners could bring their cars and share, discuss, and admire them.

My experience for this position is broad. I'm DOD Level 3 Project Management and Level 3 in Business Finance Contracts from the Defense Acquisition University. I am also a graduate of the Federal Executive Institute for Leadership in a Democratic Society. My primary responsibility was oversight of DOD acquisition programs CONUS within the Defense Contract Management Agency Operations Directorate. My career ended as Director of Ground Systems that included Munitions, Body Armor, Ground Vehicles (transport and tactical), and C4I systems. Cost, Schedule and Budget adherence of all the major Defense Contractors was another area in my DOD career that oversaw how they managed their contracts with Earned Value Management system/processes, having certified/decertified many.

I appreciate your consideration for this position and look forward to partnering with the M community in building on advancement of the M-Chapter.

Candidate for Secretary:

David Kaczynski

Having been a car enthusiast for as long as I remember, cars and performance driving have been first and foremost in my mind. I joined the BMW CCA in July of 2014 after the purchase of my first BMW (535I) and joined the M Chapter upon its formation. My current ride is a 2020 X3 M Competition. I've attended several BMW CCA events including the 50th anniversary, the inaugural MX1 Enthusiast Weekend, participated in a few BMW Drives and have been fortunate to attend a few sessions at both East and West Performance Centers. Additionally, I have been volunteering at the Tire Rack Street Survival Program since joining.

In regards to my applicable experience for the M Chapter Secretary's position, I have served as a general and executive board member for an international organization (of approximately 5,000 members) related to the excellence of educational facility design, construction and operations for the past 13 years at both the local (Gulf Coast) Chapter and 5-State Regional level. I served on the local Chapter Board of Directors as a representative for higher education, Vice President, President and Past President. My most recent and longest position was as Board Secretary of the Southern (US) Region, having served in that role for a period of nearly 8 years. I have also served the organization on the Regional Board as Texas State Director for the 3 years prior to being Secretary.

I'm running for the M Chapter Secretary's position so that I can bring my experience as a Secretary to the Chapter, develop friendships with like minded individuals and have a direct impact on the delivery of programs/events for the M Chapter membership, other Chapters and/or in conjunction with BMW CCA as a larger organization.

Thank you for your consideration and support as your M Chapter Secretary.