



2014 Chico Velo Board Election Info

Election Guidelines (from the Chico Velo Bylaws):

“Section 3. Elections for Directors shall be conducted prior to the Annual Meeting in even numbered years. Each Director shall be elected for a term of four years. Newly elected Directors shall begin their terms at the Annual Meeting. Directors may be reelected at the expiration of their term. Director terms shall be staggered, so that no more than five Directors shall usually be elected in any year. In each election, up to two Directors may be elected by the members of the Corporation from the members of the Corporation interested in serving. If more than two qualified candidates are nominated by the members, the two candidates with the most votes shall be elected. This vote shall be conducted by mail or electronically, as directed by the Board. If two or fewer qualified candidates are nominated by the members, the nominees may be elected by proclamation of the Board. Additional Directors may be nominated and elected by the Board of Directors.”

You must be a Chico Velo member in good standing (i.e., membership dues paid) in order to vote. Not sure of your membership status? [Email us](#) for verification! Need to renew? [Do it here!](#)

For the 2014 election, we have 3 board members whose terms do not expire: Ann Schwab, Russ Mills and Laura VanDervoort. We have 2 board members whose terms DO expire and who are running for re-election: Forough Molina and Geno Gruber. In addition, we have 3 new candidates for the board (details on them below). So in the election process, the membership will elect the top two vote-getters, and then the board may at its discretion, elect any or all of the other candidates. If all candidates are elected that would result in a total number of 8 board members. Cast your ballot [here](#).

Board Candidate Statements

John Diehm

I moved to Chico from Weed, Calif. in October 2013 and immediately took advantage of the bicycling opportunities in Chico, presently averaging 120 miles a week in combined road and mountain bike riding for recreation and transportation. While in Weed I was involved with the Mount Shasta Pedali Bicycling Club and came to Chico often to ride in Velo's organized rides. Now in Chico I have attended all of Velo's membership meetings. I am proud to be a Chico Velo Cycling Club member and if selected to serve as a board director would encourage and work toward more membership participation in Velo's fine programs.

Bicycling has been a way of life form my youth. I can testify of the health benefits and enjoyment of bicycle riding. Any time I need to go somewhere bicycling is my first choice of transportation. I would love to have more opportunity to share that benefit and passion with others. Because I spend a lot of time on the bicycle paths and routs in Chico, I see the need to help educate bicycle riders in safety and proper use of bicycle paths and routes.



Geno Gruber

I have been an active cyclist since the mid 80. I love cycling - road, mountain or just cruising with the kids. I have long been a supporter of getting more people on bikes and showcasing Chico as the cycling mecca it is. I still want to see more safe routes, more organized rides and one day... a velodrome! My kids have grown up cycling and they love it, so mostly I want safe routes for them. I am committed to maintaining and promoting Chico's status as one of the best places in the world for year-round cycling, with our commitment to safe routes for commuters, varied terrain, and group options for both recreational and competitive cyclists.



Mike Jamison

As a Board member I would support Chico Velo Cycling in continuing its tradition of advocacy and education in order to make cycling a viable and pleasant alternative mode of transportation as well as providing opportunities for recreation and sport.

Qualifications:

- Retired attorney (Nevada County Counsel). My legal career provided experience working with local government agencies which impact cycling, including planning, law enforcement and public works.
- First moved to Chico in 1972 to attend Chico State University, graduating in 1975. Began riding with Chico Velo 1973. App. 10 years racing, mostly in Oregon. Worked in bike shops, first while attending law school and later in a brief respite from being a lawyer.
- Moved back to Chico in 2013 following retirement in order to live in a community where it would be possible to use a bike for everyday transportation as well as walking to many locations.



Forough Molina

As a child I began riding bikes in Chico for basic transportation, and I grew into an advocate for non-motorized transportation in high school and college (and did some bike racing in the late 80s for Chico State). Today I'm an avid cyclist, teacher, and parent of 4 children who all ride bikes. I am committed to safe and well-planned bike routes throughout Chico and the surrounding area. I'm a lifetime member of Chico Velo. I am also a member of League of American Bicyclists.



In the past few years, I have found myself gravitating even more towards the education of children. I started a monthly program at my school (Central Middle School, Oroville) teaching bike repair skills, as well as safety and cycling promotion with the blessing of my wonderful principal. As a board member, I have already been working to bring more bike safety education back into our local schools, and I want to keep this program going!

Another goal for me is getting Chico to the Platinum Bicycle Friendly Community status. We are an amazing cycling community, but we need to improve even more. We still have many areas in town where I don't want my eighteen year old daughter riding her bike; this is not acceptable!

Thad Walker

I am interested in serving on the Board of Directors for Chico Velo. It is my intention to carry on the Velo mission of cycling advocacy in the Chico area. An additional goal I have is to promote mountain bike trail improvement, maintenance, and construction in northern California. Below is a summary of my cycling- and advocacy-related experience:



- Founded, developed, and managed a varsity cycling program at Brevard College
- Directed numerous races in road, cyclocross, and mountain disciplines
- Volunteered with community trail advocacy groups
- Served on the board of IMBA chapter Pisgah Area SORBA in Asheville, NC, for 3 years
- Assisted the City of Brevard (NC) and Transylvania County (NC) in cycling and outdoor recreation-based tourism as well as developing the Bracken Mountain Preserve
- Developed Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Hendersonville, NC, for a bike park
- Served on a volunteer trail crew with US Forest Service
- Helped organize and facilitate a regional trail conference
- Partnered with Transylvania Tourism Development Authority to recruit and host Bike Magazine for its annual Bike Bible Issue in 2011
- Accrued 5 years of fundraising experience
- Participated in youth cycling development initiatives
- Currently serve as a Cycling Coach for Carmichael Training Systems