

## 2017 ACBL Unit 124 Board of Directors Candidates (4)

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### Pam Campbell



Three years ago, when writing my bio for the current board term I am now serving, it consisted of my work experience and claimed bridge rookie.

Three years later, I claim to be a bridge addict and advocate. For the past 3 years, I have been involved in the renovation projects at the CBC and involved in CBA Tournaments as hospitality and Tournament chair. I'm proud to be the CBA Treasurer, board member, new director and want to continue to contribute to our organization.

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### Nalin Mehta



I look forward to continue serving as a board member for the Cincinnati Bridge Association and seeing how I can make a difference.

I have enjoyed the past 3 years as a board member. As a member of the board I have initiated and coordinated the Winter Coat drive for the past 3 years. More than 300 coats have been collected. I worked with Barry and Pam on the club's renovations and was instrumental in finding the contractor. I also helped to locate a new venue for the regional tournament and then helped to negotiate the contract, resulting in the savings of thousands of dollars for our club. I would like to continue helping the club move forward increasing its membership, saving money, and serving the community.

I was born in India and brought up in Aden (Yemen) thru high school. I graduated in mechanical engineering from the University of London in 1966. I got married to Ila in 1969 who also plays bridge Monday evenings. We moved to Cincinnati in November 1970 and plan NOT to leave Cincinnati.

I worked for P&G for 28 years. Project management and planning are my strengths. I enjoy community work. I've been involved in various activities with a number of different Indian associations for the past 40 years. I am an active member of the Ankur Bridge Club of Cincinnati. Bridge is my second love. In the summer of 1966 I started to play bridge at 9:00 pm Saturday, had an argument at 3:00 am. All us agreed to behave and started to play at 3:30 am. We finished the marathon session at 6:00 pm on Sunday with few breaks. Call it a CRAZY session.

Given the opportunity, I would love to serve on the CBA board and help bring in new members.

## John Williams



Although the ACBL lists my joining date as Jan 1, 1950, I really started playing bridge about 1953, mostly in weekend evening rubber-bridge games with my widowed mother and her friends, and only occasionally playing in the small once-a-week ACBL game (once winning over half the match points on the boards against visiting Oswald Jacoby & his wife). In 1965-66, Mike Giesler (see the July 2017 Bulletin, p 32) and I taught bridge to 32 of our 34 fraternity pledges and the next year, I became a certified ACBL club director and started and ran a weekly ACBL game at the university. In 1968 Mike and I qualified to play in the finals of the Intercollegiate Bridge championship. Because of family and career (as a college professor and senior administrator), I played only occasionally until I retired from (although I continue as a part-time academic advisor at) the Hamilton Campus of Miami University in 2012.

At that time, with my wife in hospice, Mike asked me to play on his team in the summer 2012 Nationals in his home town of Philadelphia. While there, I was a volunteer for several days with the part of the Junior program of which his wife was in charge. Over the next 18 months, I played in an additional 4 Regionals and Nationals and I started playing somewhat regularly at the Cincinnati Bridge Center (I won its Future Master Award in 2013). I have been on the District 11 Grand National "C" Team the past 3 years. As a CBC volunteer I helped with setup and take down at our last two Regionals and this year I began helping at the Saturday Supervised Play, including the seminar presentation. I have submitted my name for candidacy to the board because it is another way to give back to this great game. If elected, my only agenda would be to do what seems best for the organization and for bridge.

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## Steve Messinger



I am a 65 year old widower and recent retiree who has a passion for bridge. Professionally, I retired following a successful career as Vice President of Risk Management with General Cable, a Global Fortune 500 manufacturing company with 58 manufacturing plants in 26 countries. My professional expertise is in identifying and assessing operational risks, risk financing and multi-line insurance placement, process improvement, environmental safety and health management and due diligence to facilitate mergers and acquisitions. I have an M.S. in environmental health and advance study in finance from the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business.

I have three adult children, all who are great kids and who each have advanced degrees. I resumed playing bridge early in 2016 after a lengthy absence to raise a family, and since returning have earned the 100 master points necessary to achieve Regional master. I play and interface well with both Non-Life and Life-Master Players and just enjoy playing.

In 2017 I ran the partnership desk during the Flying Pig Tournament, and plan to volunteer for the same assignment again in 2018. The CBA filled a major void in my life after my wife of 40 years died in late 2015. I have made a lot of friends at the CBA and have had a wonderful time playing bridge. I want to promote bridge and promote agendas that ensure new bridge players that join the CBA have a positive experience and become regular players at our club. I am in favor of changing the start time of morning games to 10 AM instead of 11 AM since this would free up more of the day and avoid afternoon rush hour, but my understanding is that the Game Directors are ultimately in charge of when the games start. I appreciate the opportunity to run for a spot on the Board, and I will continue to volunteer and support the CBA regardless of whether or not I am elected.