



**North American Falconers Association  
July 7, 2018**

**Elections**

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**Mountain Director**

*(\*\*Click above for online ballot)*

**Canadian Director – Unopposed  
Great Lakes Director – Unopposed  
South Pacific Director – Unopposed  
Director-At-Large – Unopposed**



To: All Regular and Honorary members in good standing:

The 2018 NAFA election cycle has the following positions up for consideration: **Canadian Director, Director-At-Large, Great Lakes Director, South Pacific Director, and Mountain Director. All are running unopposed except the Mountain Directorate.**

Only the Mountain Directorate has more than one candidate running requiring an election. If you are a Regular or Honorary Member in good standing and live in Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Utah, Colorado, Arizona, or New Mexico please take a moment to read the candidate biographies below and then click the [LINK](#) to vote. You may **ONLY** vote for a regional candidate IF YOU RESIDE IN THAT REGION.

The online election ends 11:59 PM on August 27. Mailed ballots must be postmarked no later than August 27, 2018.

*Please vote at your earliest convenience. Results will be tabulated after 5 days following the conclusion of the election to allow time for members requiring paper ballots to return their ballots. Ballots and voting results are confidential. Your vote will remain anonymous at all times. Thank you for participating in our Association's annual election.*

Thank you all for your continued support!

Donna Vorce

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**Candidate for Mountain Director**

*All Mountain region regular and honorary members in good standing may cast a vote  
(In alphabetical order; bios follow in same order.)*

**Jenni Buckley  
Michele Losee  
Roger Tucker**



**Jenni Buckley**

I've served as interim Mountain Director for NAFA for the last 6 months and I feel as though I've barely begun to get my feet wet in this great organization. I've always had a huge appreciation for everything that NAFA does for falconers, and I would love to continue serving the falconry community. I also currently serve on the Board of Directors for the Colorado Hawking Club.

I've been a falconer for nearly 13 years now and I've been a NAFA member since the beginning. I'm very active in the community, attending NAFA field meets and various state meets throughout the country, and even out of the country. I feel it's important to remain active and engaged with other falconers, so as to remain aware of what is going on within our relatively small community.

There is still so much work to be done in areas such as conservation, regulation reform, and promoting membership to new and prospective falconers. I would be honored to continue serving as director and be your voice for the Mountain region.

I have never plead guilty or nolo contendere, been convicted of any felony or its state, federal or provincial equivalent or any misdemeanor for falconry or wildlife related activities potentially punishable by incarceration.

Thank you,  
Jenni Buckley  
Centennial, CO

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**Michele Losee**

Greetings! Thank you for taking the time to read this and I will keep it brief. I have been a falconer since 2005 and became a member of NAFA during my first falconry season. I was very fortunate that my sponsor, Liam McGranaghan, instilled the importance of honoring my newly acquired cultural heritage that we call falconry with discipline and high ethics. Thirteen years later, I insist any prospective apprentices be held to the same standards. In addition, I require they join NAFA and the state falconry club. I am a firm believer in supporting the organization that fights for our rights as falconers. I have a profound love for falconry and an advocate for protecting our cultural heritage. I do not see falconry as merely a sport but a way of life; our way of life. I would be honored to represent and help maintain our way of life as Mountain Director.

I am the founder and executive director of the International Raptor & Falconry Center. I started this organization last year with a vision of creating a center of all things raptor. This includes educating the public about our historical roots and the role falconers played as pioneers in raptor conservation. Who I am is a falconer but what I do is raptor conservation through research and education. I am a PhD Candidate with research focusing on the population dynamics of Golden Eagles in Arizona. I use my academic background to educate the public about raptor biology and encourage raptor conservation as well as providing a window into our world as falconers. It is very important to me that people understand that as falconers, we are raptor conservationists as well.

In addition, I sit on the board as secretary for Northern Arizona Audubon and as secretary for Arizona Field Ornithologists so, I do have board experience; however, I appreciate the opportunity to serve on a national level. My vision for the NAFA future would include continuing to protect and honor our heritage through United Nations designation as well as further educating the public about the positive role falconers play in raptor conservation. I hope our mountain region members will share their vision with me and I believe in an open-door policy for all members and hope they reach out.

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Thank you!  
Michele Losee  
Northern Arizona

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## Roger Tucker

Hello to all. I am Roger Tucker, a falconer from Colorado, and I am running for the Mountain Director position.

I grew up in southern Illinois in a small rural town, messing around in woods, fields and farms. I spent my leisure time catching snakes, hunting small game, and fishing for bass and bluegill. I attended Southern Illinois University where I studied Zoology and Wildlife Management. There I met graduate students who were falconers. Past NAFA president Tim Kimmel was one of them. After obtaining my Bachelor of Arts degree in Zoology, I moved to the northern suburbs of Chicago and began working as a naturalist for the Lake County Forest Preserve system. It was there that I began working with some non-releasable raptors used for education. I also met falconer and nature cinematographer, Neil Rettig who agreed to be my sponsor. This was 1986 and the beginning of my passion for the sport of falconry.

In Illinois I flew red-tails, kestrels, a peregrine x prairie tiercel and Cooper's hawks. I enjoyed the challenge and excitement of flying Cooper's and did so for 17 years. I attended my first NAFA meet in 1986, in Kearney, Nebraska where I was introduced to jack rabbit hawking. I became hooked on jack-rabbit hawking and continue to beso to this day with my red-tail and goshawk.

In 1998, my wife and I moved to Colorado Springs Colorado. I taught middle school science at a small private school and recently retired after 20 years. I have been involved with the Colorado Hawking Club since arriving in Colorado. I have served as southern director, director at large, president, and apprentice director. In the past twenty years I have rarely missed a meeting, field meet, or social gathering. I enjoy hanging out and talking falconry with old pros and young beginners. I have participated in numerous apprentice workshops teaching new falconers proper falconry techniques and ethics. I have represented the Colorado Hawking Club at numerous meeting with the Division of Parks and Wildlife promoting changes in falconry regulations. I was appointed by our governor and for the last three years have served on the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Sportsman Roundtable Group helping to shape policy for the State of Colorado. Slowly but surely we have seen a change in the attitudes and laws affecting falconry here in Colorado. We have made great progress, but there is still much to do.

I feel NAFA has been an excellent organizations through out the years that I have been involved. I am supportive of appropriate change in policy and practice, but also recognize the importance of staying true to the principles of the organization. I feel as long as we continue to support science based use of our raptors, both wild and captive bred, and as long as we support raptor conservation, this organization will be around and have a strong voice for many years to come. Education, conservation and ethical behavior by falconers is what I most firmly believe. I look forward to getting to know the falconers throughout the mountain region and will represent your region to the best of my abilities.

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Thank you,  
Roger Tucker  
Colorado Springs, CO

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## **Candidate for Canadian Director – Unopposed**

*All Canadian regular and honorary members in good standing may cast a vote*

### **Guy Rondeau**



#### **Guy Rondeau - English**

My name is Guy Rondeau, 55 years old, living in Québec City, Canada. I am a falconer along with my three oldest sons (my 8-year-old daughter is also a serious young apprentice!). I am presently a longwinger, with a lengthy history of flying shortwings. I have been a NAFA member since 1991, and was a corresponding member of the Zimbabwe Falconer's Club (1992-1993), the British Falconer's Club (1994) and the Association nationale des fauconniers et autoursiers français (2006-2007). In 2016, I have been nominated « IAF Advisor on West and Central Africa (International Association for Falconry and Conservation of Birds of Prey). Throughout the years I have visited and made friends with falconers across Belgium, Canada, Djibouti, France, Great Britain, Hungary, Morocco, South Africa, Tunisia, USA, and Zimbabwe,

Although a forest engineer by training, I have been heavily involved in raptor research and conservation with special expertise in African and Palearctic raptors. I have been engaged in a number of studies on birds of prey in Africa, have worked for BirdLife International, WWF International, WWF US, and Conservation International, was Director General of the Québec Birds of Prey Rehabilitation Network, and am a member of the Raptor Research Foundation (Leslie Brown Memorial Grant jury). Since the late 1980's I have occupied various official positions in the Association Québécoise des Fauconniers et Autoursiers and was deeply involved in the process to have falconry legalized in Québec in 2008. In 2016, I co-founded the Québec Falconry Association where I am currently president, with the legalization of wild-take and the access to extended hunting seasons for falconry in Québec as my primary targets.

If elected as Canadian Director my main goals will be: 1) Encourage a significant increase in NAFA membership among Canadian falconers; 2) Establish an effective inter-provincial communication platform for Canadian members; 3) Work with Flyway Councils and government agencies to grant access to a continent-wide peregrine take for Canadians falconers similar to the current situation in the US; and 4) Work with the relevant agencies for an improved straightforward mechanism for the cross-border transportation of our falconry birds between Canada and the US.

I have never plead guilty or nolo contendere, been convicted of any felony or its state, federal or provincial equivalent or any misdemeanor for falconry or wildlife related activities potentially punishable by incarceration.

Thank you,  
Guy Rondeau  
Québec, Québec, Canada

## **Guy Rondeau - French**

Je me nomme Guy Rondeau, 55 ans, résidant à Québec, Canada. Je suis un fauconnier, tout comme mes trois grands fils (ma fille de huit ans est également une apprentie assidue !). Je suis présentement un chasseur de haut-vol, avec un long parcours en bas-vol également. Je suis membre de la NAFA depuis 1991, et ait été membre étranger de la Zimbabwe Falconer's Club (1992-1993), du British Falconer's Club (1994) et de l'Association nationale des fauconniers et autoursiers français (2006-2007). J'ai aussi été nommé, en 2016, Conseiller pour l'Afrique occidentale et centrale de l'Association internationale pour la fauconnerie et la conservation des oiseaux de proie (IAF). Au cours des années, j'ai visité des amis fauconniers en Afrique du Sud, en Belgique, au Canada, à Djibouti, aux États-Unis, en France, en Hongrie, au Maroc, au Royaume-Uni, en Tunisie et au Zimbabwe.

Bien qu'ingénieur forestier de formation, j'ai été intensément impliqué dans la recherche et la conservation des rapaces avec une expertise particulière sur les oiseaux de proie africains et paléarctiques. J'ai été associé à plusieurs études sur les rapaces d'Afrique, et ai travaillé pour BirdLife International, WWF International, WWF US et Conservation International. J'ai été Directeur-Général de l'Union québécoise de réhabilitation des oiseaux de proie (UQROP) et suis membre du Raptor Research Foundation (jury Leslie Brown Memorial Grant). Depuis la fin des années '80, j'ai occupé plusieurs postes au sein de l'Association Québécoise des Fauconniers et Autoursiers et je me suis intensément investi dans le processus ayant conduit à la légalisation de la fauconnerie au Québec en 2008. En 2016, j'ai cofondé l'Association de fauconnerie du Québec, où j'assume présentement la présidence, avec pour principaux objectifs la légalisation du prélèvement durable d'oiseaux de proie en nature et l'accès aux saisons de chasse prolongées pour la fauconnerie au Québec.

Si je suis élu Directeur canadien, mes principaux buts seront les suivants : i) Encourager une augmentation significative des membres fauconniers canadiens à la NAFA ; ii) Établir une plateforme de communication interprovinciale effective pour les membres canadiens ; iii) Collaborer avec les Conseils des voies migratoires et les agences gouvernementales afin que les fauconniers canadiens puissent avoir accès au prélèvement des Faucons pèlerins, selon une véritable approche continentale et de manière similaire à ce qui est présentement permis aux États-Unis ; et iv) Collaborer avec les agences gouvernementales concernées visant la mise en place d'un mécanisme simplifié pour le transport transfrontalier de nos oiseaux de vol entre le Canada et les États-Unis.

Je n'ai jamais plaidé coupable ou nolo contendere, ni été reconnu coupable de tout crime ou délit, fédéral ou provincial, potentiellement passible d'incarcération, en lien avec la fauconnerie ou aux activités liées à la faune.

Je vous remercie,  
Guy Rondeau  
Québec, Québec, Canada

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### **Candidates for Great Lakes Director – Unopposed**

*All Great Lakes region regular and honorary members in good standing may cast a vote  
(In alphabetical order; bios follow in same order.)*

#### **Rich Borquist**



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My falconry journey started in 1972, right after high school with a kestrel. I joined NAFA in 1974 at Yankton, SD at my first NAFA meet. It was a start of wonderful part of my life.

I have had the opportunity to fly, not only kestrels, but also redtails, goshawks, cooper's hawks, pere x prairie and anatum peregrine. Currently I have three peregrines.

I have had many opportunities to serve for NAFA, most recently was this past Great Lakes Director. Prior to that, I was at the weather yard and started hanging out with Bruce Clements in 1982, when NAFA originally started the weathering yard warden. When Bruce retired, I took over as warden. Other than a couple of meets that were missed for other family matters, that was 20 plus years ago. I stepped aside as the yard warden, to be the Great Lakes Director.

I enjoy being the Director and there are a few things I would like to still get accomplished. I would like to see Eagle take to become available to all those qualified to fly Eagles. I believe my constituents benefit from NAFA representation in the continuation of the sport of falconry. It is an honor to represent the Great Lakes and I look forward to doing so again.

I have never plead guilty or nolo contendere, been convicted of any felony or its state, federal or provincial equivalent, or any misdemeanor for falconry or wildlife related activities potentially punishable by incarceration.

Sincerely submitted for Great Lakes Director,

Rich Borquist

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## Candidates for South Pacific Director – Unopposed

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*All South Pacific region regular and honorary members in good standing may cast a vote.*

### Jana Barkley



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I began hunting with hawks fourteen years ago while living in the San Francisco Bay Area. Thanks to our state falconry club, the California Hawking Club, I was able to learn from some amazing falconers. In 2011 I moved to Yuba County, north east of Sacramento, to help a friend develop a USFWS permitted falconry education center, and I have been here ever since.

My activities with the California Hawking Club grew out of a desire to give back to the club that helped me get started in this sport. I had volunteered at outreach education venues for the CHC, and was later nominated and voted in as a director for the club's board of directors. During my two terms of service, I worked with some of the best falconers in the state who taught me much, especially as we were the group responsible for making certain California passed falconry regulations in time to meet the federal deadline. This was a very volatile time in our state, but the board worked steadily and well, and falconry was able to continue in California as a result.

During my term on the CHC board, the Education Committee was very near and dear to my heart. I was able to gather a team of eager and motivated individuals who were willing to go to out-of-the-way hunting events for kids, such as the Ducks Unlimited Greenwings Program, or youth fairs for the California Waterfowl Association. These activities showed me how important public perception of falconry as a hunting sport and our role in the environment is. Though I have run into falconers who believe we should fly under the radar about what we do, I respectfully disagree with them. I believe in making advocates for falconry when dealing with the public.

I have flown hawks and falcons for state Fish and Wildlife Commissioners at the falconry center, and later was invited to bring birds and speak about falconry to the open commission meeting prior to the vote to approve the proposed falconry regulations. In addition, with several other falconers, I spoke in support of Gary Alten's proposal to delist the peregrine falcon from the state's Endangered Species List—an important first step in California so we could start working towards the Herculean task of creating legislation that hopefully will make the falcon available for wild take in our state some day.

When not hunting with my birds, or flying raptors for the falconry center, I focus on my own pest bird abatement business, Aero-Falconry.

In 2013 my novel, *The Apprentice*, which tells a story of a group of California falconers, was a finalist for the Somerset Award for Mainstream Fiction.

If elected as your South Pacific Director, I will be your voice for our region. Supporting our state clubs, and reaching out to other hunting groups and land trusts at a down-home, grass roots level is my goal. Out west we're fighting an ever growing anti-hunting sentiment, and I believe educating the public about hunting with birds of prey can help. And if California is ever in a position to move forward with legislation to facilitate wild peregrine take, we will need NAFA's help.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

I have never plead guilty or nolo contendere, been convicted of any felony or its state, federal or provincial equivalent, or any misdemeanor for falconry or wildlife related activities potentially punishable by incarceration.

Jana Barkley  
Brownsville, California

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## Candidates for Director-At-Large – Unopposed

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ALL regular and honorary members in good standing may cast a vote*

### Adam Chavez



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I make my living as a biotech sales professional with an MBA in Health Care/Human Resources and an undergraduate degree in Finance. I also am the owner of Adam's Falconry Service, LLC which is an abatement firm. I have been a NAFA member since I was a boy joining in 1976. I have been the Director for NAFA since 2011. I am also currently the President for the California Hawking Club.

I am extremely passionate regarding serving NAFA to the best of my ability to promote the Cultural Heritage of Falconry; Wild Take of Raptors for Falconry; and Non-Resident Take of Raptors for Falconry for all falconers which I believe should be one of the main focuses of the Director-At-Large's position.

Some of the falconry related projects I have chaired or contributed to recently are: NAFA Abatement Committee, Member of the Membership Retention Committee, and the California Warden Falconry Orientation where we trained a dozen wardens on facility inspections recently.

Over the last 40+ years as a falconer I have had the pleasure of training 17 apprentices; I also give back to the Peregrines I love by conditioning rehabilitated falcons in preparation for release back to the wild. I currently hunt with a goshawk and two large falcons but I love to train and fly all birds of prey. I ask for your continued support and please feel free to reach out to me anytime.

I have never plead guilty or nolo contendere, been convicted of any felony or its state, federal or provincial equivalent, or any misdemeanor for falconry or wildlife related activities potentially punishable by incarceration.

Adam Chavez  
San Juan Capistrano, CA





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**North American Falconers Association Official Ballot**

**July 7, 2018**

*Please clearly mark your choice(s). Defaced, unidentifiable, or illegible ballots will be deemed void. Ballots received postmarked later than August 27, 2018 will be deemed void.*

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Canadian Directorate** – Canadian Directorate members may vote

**Guy Rondeau**

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**Mountain Directorate** – Mountain Directorate members may vote

**Jenni Buckley**

**Roger Tucker**

**Michele Losee**

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**Great Lakes Directorate** – Great Lakes Directorate members may vote for one candidate

**Richard Borquist**

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**South Pacific Directorate** – South Pacific Directorate members may vote for one candidate

**Jana Barkley**

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**Director-At-Large** – All regular and honorary members in good standing may vote for one candidate

**Adam Chavez**

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Return instructions: Fold and place in sealed envelope and **send to NAFA CS, Donna Vorce, 601 E 6<sup>th</sup> St, Davenport, NE, 68335 USA.** Please vote and return ballot right away. Ballots NOT postmarked by August 27 will be deemed void.