



2024 ADTSEA ELECTION CANDIDATES' BIOGRAPHIES

PRESIDENT-ELECT CANDIDATE

Rod Hull, New Hampshire

Business/School/Organization: Hulls Driving School Owner, Driver Education Teacher Hartford High School, Driver Education Certification Program, Adjunct Faculty 2012-2023, ADTSEA, NETSEA, VDTSEA

Position/Title: Driver Education Teacher

Years in Present Position: 2 years

Years in field of Driver and Safety Education: 17 years

Rod Hull earned his Masters Degree in Education from Lesley University in 2005. He has worked as a Driver Education Teacher at Woodsville High School in New Hampshire Vergennes Union High School in Vermont, and currently Hartford High School in White River Junction Vermont. He is also the co-owner of Hulls Driving School with his wife Rosemarie. They do business in both New Hampshire and Vermont. The school began in 2007. Rod has served in many positions as an ADTSEA Board Member, ADTSEA Senior Board Member, NETSEA Board Member, NETSEA Curriculum Committee, and VDTSEA Board member. He has overseen many zoom conferences for NETSEA and VDTSEA throughout his service, Rod is a 2015 Teacher of Excellence Award winner representing New Hampshire. He was recognized as Teacher of the Year in 2019 for the Southwest Region of Vermont. Rod had the honor of teaching for Keene State College's Driver Education Instructor Program, where he taught all of the need classes in order for Teacher Candidates to earn their initial certification. He taught hundreds of new teachers from both New Hampshire and Vermont from 2012-2023. Rod loves to travel with his wife Rosemarie in their camper to Myrtle Beach S.C. in the winter break from school and across the country to different ADTSEA conferences. Rod believes completely that our job as Driver Education Teachers is about giving students the skills to keep them safe on the road, more then just passing a DMV license test. Driver Education is the most rewarding career he has ever had. Rod believes that Driver Education Instructors should be allowed to earn National Certification so they can seek employment within any state of the country. Rod Hull would really appreciate your vote for the position of President Elect of ADTSEA.

Michael Jones, Sr., North Carolina

Business/School/Organization: Jordan Driving School Charlotte

Position/Title: Classroom Coordinator

Years in Present Position: 2.5 years

Years in field of Driver and Safety Education: 13 years

Michael R. Jones, Sr. Native of Winston-Salem, N.C. Graduate of Davidson College; B.A. Spanish. Retired Spanish Teacher (Coached Football, Golf, Track and Field; Athletic Director) 13 Year Employee of Jordan Driving School Charlotte - Classroom and BTW Instructor; 2 years as Classroom Coordinator. Past President of Regional Driver Education Association; President Elect of N.C. DTSEA State Association; 2 years as Mentor Teacher N.C. Department of Public Instruction STEP (Safety Traffic Education Program). TEA Award winner - 2019.

Married to Melissa Small Jones - 29 years. We have two sons - Michael, Jr. - 24 and Myles - 22. I enjoy outdoor sports and traveling. Thank you!

Karl Logan, North Carolina

Business/School/Organization: N. C. Department of Public Instruction

Position/Title: Driver Education Section Chief

Years in Present Position: 8 years

Years in field of Driver and Safety Education: 32 years

Karl has been the Driver Education Section Chief, at the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction for the past eight years. He has worked in several areas of transportation safety administration and education for the last 38 years: including 2 areas with the NC Division of Motor Vehicles, public school driver education administration, commercial traffic safety education leadership, leading to his current role as director of the State's Teen Traffic Safety Education program.

Greg Mangan, Tennessee

Business/School/Organization: Drive 4 Life Academy, Inc.

Position/Title: Owner and President

Years in Present Position: 16 years

Years in field of Driver and Safety Education: 16 years

Member in good standing in ADTSEA and SERADTSEA since 2012.

Southeast Region Participation:

Board member of SERADTSEA, 2013 – 2017.

President of SERADTSEA, 2015-2016.

ADTSEA Participation:

- Presented at ADTSEA Conferences in 2015, 2017 and 2018.
- Served on the ADTSEA Board of Directors, 2018-2022.
- Served as Board Representative to the Executive Committee, 2019.
- Served on the ADTSEA ERAC Committee, 2020
- Chairperson for the Host Committee Annual Conference, 2021
- Presented at Regional and State Conferences: DSAA, Colorado, 2016; SCADTSEA, 2018; NEADTSEA, 2019; NDDTSEA, 2019; SERADTSEA, 2017-2018.

Awards and Recognition:

- Southeast Region of ADTSEA, Thomas Love Award, 2020.
- ADTSEA Teacher Excellence Award, 2015.
- Shining Light Award from Farragut Rotary Club, 2017.
- Tennessee Power of Community Award, MADD, 2017

Background:

Worked in Hotel and Country Club Management from 1975 – 2007. I read an article in Autoweek Magazine about the state of Driver Education and Licensing in American and was “called” to become a Driver Education teacher and school owner. Owning, operating, and teaching take up most of my time, but spending time with Jodie, my lovely wife of 34 years, is the true highlight of my life. When I am able to pause from the daily routine, I enjoy playing Co-Ed Senior softball, playing keyboard with a bunch of old guys, and water and snow skiing whenever I get the chance.

ADTSEA, it’s staff and all the members have played a big part in my life for the past 12 years, and I’m honored to be considered as your President. I will do my best to make you proud of me as a leader of ADTSEA.

SECRETARY/TREASURER CANDIDATE

Gary Scott, Kansas

Business/School/Organization: Johnny Rowlands Driving School

Position/Title: Executive Director 23 years, Driver Ed Teach 39 years

Years in Present Position: 23 and 7 at present school

Years in field of Driver and Safety Education: 39 years

I have been an ADTSEA Member 38 years and have enjoyed serving on the board. I believe in our organization's goals and the leadership that we have. ADTSEA is a vital organization for traffic safety people throughout North America. I hope to be able to serve the organization as Secretary-Treasurer as ADTSEA moves forward in the 21st Century. I believe it is an honor to serve in this capacity which I do not take lightly.

NORTHEAST REGION BOARD OF DIRECTOR CANDIDATE

Justin McLane, Vermont

Business/School/Organization: Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles

Position/Title: MV Safety Education Specialist

Years in Present Position: 2 years

Years in field of Driver and Safety Education: 8 years

Justin McLane is a MV Safety Education Specialist with the Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles. He is the state driver education administrator for private driver training schools and instructors. Prior to this position he worked as a state examiner for 6 years, administering exams for licenses in standard vehicles, commercial vehicles, and motorcycles. Justin is also certified as a Motorcycle Safety Foundation RiderCoach for the Vermont Rider Education Program. Justin is a graduate from the University of Vermont.

Richard Kearney, Vermont

Business/School/Organization: St Johnsbury Academy

Position/Title: Driver Educator

Years in Present Position: 10 years

Years in field of Driver and Safety Education: 10 years

I am honored to accept the nomination and announce my candidacy for the position of Northeast Representative on the Board of Directors. My diverse background, dedication to traffic safety education, and proven track record of leadership uniquely position me to contribute to our association's continued success and growth.

Professional Background:

- Serve as the Vice President of NETSEA, actively involved in regional initiatives and programs.
- Former President of VDTSEA, presently serving as their Northeast Regional Representative, providing valuable insights into state-level challenges and opportunities.
- ADTSEA/NRSF 2022 Teacher of The Year, in recognition of commitment to excellence in traffic safety education.

Awards and Recognitions:

- Proud recipient of the VDTSEA Jay Curtis/Bill Flory Award for outstanding service to Vermont Driver Education, showcasing a dedication to program improvement and innovation.
- Honored with the Vermont Driver Education Teacher of the Year Award 2022, reflecting a commitment to excellence in driver education.

Community Involvement:

- Serve on the ADTSEA Education Committee
- Serve on the Vermont Driver & Traffic Safety Advisory Board
- Active volunteer with Operation Lifesaver, contributing to railway safety awareness and education.
- Board member of Green Driving America, advocating for environmentally conscious driving practices.
- Association of Driver Rehabilitation Specialists Driver Rehabilitation Professionals. providing specialized services to those with driving challenges.

Leadership and Advocacy:

- Currently serving as Treasurer of Trees and Seeds, an organization dedicated to travel with a purpose, providing agricultural and educational travel opportunities to small communities globally.
- Vice President of the Driving with Disabilities Foundation, actively working towards inclusive driving practices and accessible transportation solutions for individuals with challenges.
- Owner of the Upper Valley Driving Academy, a licensed Driver Educator in Vermont and New Hampshire, showcasing the entrepreneurial spirit and a commitment to providing quality driver education.

- Vermont Licenced Level II Educator and Driver Education faculty member at St. Johnsbury Academy, bringing academic expertise to the field.

Vision for the Northeast Region:

My vision for the Northeast Region is cultivating collaboration, promoting innovative educational strategies, and advocating for policies that enhance overall traffic safety. I am dedicated to growing the active participation within our region. Together, we are stronger, and I am committed to uniting for a common goal - safer roads and responsible drivers.

Commitment to Excellence:

If elected as the Northeast Representative, I pledge to bring a proven track record of leadership, a passion for education, and a dedication to traffic safety principles. Together, we can continue to advance our mission and positively impact traffic safety education in the Northeast.

I am enthusiastic about the prospect of representing our region on the Board of Directors of ADTSEA and contributing to the continued success of our esteemed organization.

Thank you for considering my candidacy, and I'd appreciate your vote of confidence.

In service,

Richard Kearney

"We are stronger together"

SOUTHEAST REGION BOARD OF DIRECTOR CANDIDATE

Derek Stewart, Florida

Business/School/Organization: Florida Virtual School

Position/Title: Driver Education Coordinator

Years in Present Position: 3 years

Years in field of Driver and Safety Education: 25 years

Derek became a Driver Education teacher at his alma mater, Leto High School in Tampa, Florida in 1998. In the mid-2000's Derek was certified as a Driver Education teacher trainer for the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles. In 2010, he was a textbook reviewer on the 11th Edition of the Drive Right textbook.

In 2012, Derek became a Driver Education Teacher at Florida Virtual School. Today he serves as the FLVS Driver Education Coordinator where he supports over 100 Driver Education teachers and administers a program that successfully completes over 70,000 Driver Education students each year.

CENTRAL REGION BOARD OF DIRECTOR CANDIDATES

Darin Bardal, ND

Business/School/Organization: West Fargo Public Schools

Position/Title: Driver Education Instructor

Years in Present Position: 17

Years in field of Driver and Safety Education: 21

ADTSEA Teacher of Excellence award winner in 2019. North Dakota Vision Zero Team Member 2023. NDDTSEA State President 2021-2023. NDDTSEA State President Elect 2019-2021. NDDTSEA Southeast Representative 2012-2019. Driver Education Instructor West Fargo Public School 2006-current.

Jon Dondoneau, North Dakota

Business/School/Organization: Elite Steering Driving School / NDDTSEA

Position/Title: Owner / Public Information Officer

Years in Present Position: 3/2 years

Years in field of Driver and Safety Education: 12 years

Jon Dondoneau is a Special Education Strategist and Driving Instructor for West Fargo Sheyenne High School and the Public Information Officer for the NDDTSEA. Prior to this position within NDDTSEA, Jon served as the Secretary/Treasurer for NDDTSEA for six years. Jon is a graduate of the University of North Dakota with a Bachelors in Elementary Education, a Master's Degree in Special Education, and a Certificate in Autism Spectrum Disorders. Jon received an Endorsement for Highway and Traffic Safety from Minot University, and a Master's Degree from North Dakota State University in Educational Leadership. He is the owner of Elite Steering Driving School with three North Dakota locations in Fargo, Grand Forks, and Jamestown.

He has been on numerous financial planning, curriculum development, and school culture committees. Jon is currently a member of the Vision Zero - Young and Aging Drivers Emphasis Team, the Vision Zero - Speed & Aggressive Driving Emphasis Team, and the Vision Zero - Occupant Protection Emphasis Team. Jon is also actively working to support the development of the ADTSEA Central Region.

Elizabeth Madden, TX

Business/School/Organization: A+ Academy Driving School

Position/Title: Owner

Years in Present Position: 6

Years in field of Driver and Safety Education: 7

Elizabeth Madden graduated from the University of Texas at Arlington in 2018, with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Management and Entrepreneurship Certification. She owns and operates A+ Academy Driving School in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex. Her company has been honored three years in a row by her alma mater UTA MAVS 100, as one of the fastest-growing alumni-owned businesses.

Elizabeth currently serves on the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) Driver Training and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee and the American Driver and Traffic Safety Association (ADTSEA) Central Region and Education Committees. She has been a presenter for the American Driver and Traffic Safety Association (ADTSEA) and the Driving Schools Association of the Americas (DSAA).

Andy Nelson, IA

Business/School/Organization: Safer Driver Solutions/Driving for Exceptional Learners

Position/Title: President/Owner

Years in Present Position: 8

Years in field of Driver and Safety Education: 8

Andy Nelson is the CEO of Safer Driver Solutions. In 2018, he developed the Driving for Exceptional Learners program that is responsible for teaching individuals with disabilities to drive. Safer Driver Solutions offers driver education services for teens, adults, and those who have barriers to driving and individuals with disabilities. Andy believes every individual should have the opportunity to learn how to drive like their peers. Driving is such an important secondary life skill and having that opportunity to learn can be such a game-changer in someone's life.

In addition to providing driving instruction across the State of Iowa, Andy serves as the current President of the Iowa Association of Safety Education. This association represents and assists driver education schools and their instructors across Iowa and works closely with the Iowa DOT. Andy is the current board President for the Iowa/Nebraska Chapter of ADED (Association of Driver Rehabilitation Specialists).

He serves as an adjunct instructor for GrandView University, teaching individuals to be classroom and driving instructors using the ANSTSE curriculum.

He earned his MBA from the University of Phoenix, and Bachelor of Arts degrees in Psychology and Secondary Education from Buena Vista University. He has endorsements in Business Administration and Driver and Safety Education.

He has earned the Driver Rehabilitation Professional (DRP) micro credential and is certified with the Specialized Instructor and Older Driver badges from ADED.

He earned his National Driver Education Teaching Credential from the American Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association (ADTSEA) in 2020.

Nelson currently serves on the Education Committee for both ADTSEA and ADED. He recently served on the Program Administration Committee to re-evaluate and update the Novice Teen Driver Education & Training Administrative Standards (NTDETAS).

When not working with new drivers, Andy spends time with his twin daughters and restoring and enjoying his many collector cars and he puts on car shows that are fundraisers for the local school district. He also enjoys going to concerts.

Richard Wilson, Kansas

WEST REGION BOARD OF DIRECTOR CANDIDATES

Blain Robert, Utah

Business/School/Organization: Cedar Valley High School, UDTSEA Utah

Years in field of Driver and Safety Education: 15

I have been teaching Driver Ed in Utah for 15 years. I teach Math and Driver's Ed at Cedar Valley High School in Eagle Mountain Utah. I have been on the UDTSEA board for the last 6 years. I was just nominated as the UDTSEA President and have been awarded the Utah Driver's Ed teacher of the year in 2021.