

# Director Candidate Registration Form

SAPFM is an organization dedicated to the understanding, education, and appreciation of American period furniture. It is an all-volunteer organization with an elected executive board that is responsible for the operation of the organization. Thank you for your interest in serving the organization as a member of the Executive Board.

Before completing this form, please review the SAPFM Mission (on [sapfm.org](http://sapfm.org)) and consider how you will help to advance our mission via membership on the board.

## NAME / SAPFM Member #

Mark Maleski, SAPFM Member # 1783

## ADDRESS

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## CHAPTER AFFILIATION

Primary: Chesapeake Chapter Lead

Secondary: Blue Ridge Chapter

Tertiary: Delaware River Valley Chapter

## # HOURS WILLING TO COMMIT/MONTH

*By volunteering for the SAPFM Board of Directors, you are making a commitment to volunteer your time to advance the mission of the organization. The minimum amount of expected time is 8 hours per month, though many Directors give much more time than that. By estimating how many hours you will have available to volunteer, you will signal to the voting members how significant an impact you will be able to make as a Director for our organization.*

I will commit to volunteering 8 to 10 hours per month. Due to professional obligations I am unable to commit to a higher level of effort, but believe that I will be able to continue to have a significant impact at this level.

## PREFERRED COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION (LIST COMMITTEES)

*Review the committees listed on [sapfm.org](http://sapfm.org). List your top 3 preferred committee assignments in the format below. (Note, as a Director, you will be expected to lead at least 1 committee and participate in at least 2-3 others).*

1. Chapter Support Committee: I currently lead this committee which was established to help the existing chapters operate effectively while looking for opportunities to create new chapters. Over the last two years, we have created a Chapter Resource Center on [sapfm.org](http://sapfm.org) to provide guides, templates, and points of contact for our chapter leaders. Our recent efforts have focused on helping each chapter return to active status following the pandemic, which created many complications for

the chapters including loss of meeting space and turnover (or vacancies) among the chapter leaders. We're encouraged to see that thirteen chapters held meetings in spring 2023.

2. Website Committee: I'm an active member of this committee, under Keith Doney's leadership. In addition to recruiting additional members with experience in desktop publishing and design, I have contributed to the website by maintaining the "Upcoming Events" and "Announcements" portion, assisting Keith with build-out of the Phil Lowe digital library, as well as broader maintenance and design activities.
3. Educational Grants Committee: I have contributed to this committee by providing recommendations and voting on grants decisions. I intend to continue in this role, as I view this to be one of the most important methods of achieving the SAPFM mission to advance the understanding, education, and appreciation of American period furniture.

*Question: While the officers of the board are elected each year by the members of the board at that time, if you are elected to the board would you consider serving as the Vice President in 2024. if the board chose you? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes or  No*

*Likewise, if you are elected to the board would you consider serving as the President in 2025. if the board chose you? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes or  No*

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND RELEVANCE TO BOARD PARTICIPATION

*Summarize your professional background and describe how it has prepared you to serve on the Board of Directors. Highlight any leadership experience, any strategic roles you have played in your organization, and/or any expertise you have developed that would be relevant to your role on the SAPFM Board.*

The SAPFM Board of Directors was formed to provide strategic planning, decision-making, and management oversight of our organization. I have over 30 years' professional experience as a technology consultant and am in an executive-level position leading a large market segment. Many of the skills that I have gained through my professional experience will directly enable me to contribute to the leadership activities of the SAPFM board. Specifically, I develop and implement strategic plans to achieve mission objectives; establish deadlines and then organize and manage team efforts to achieve them; and manage activities within budget limitations. I hold professional certifications in project management and strategic planning and would welcome the opportunity to apply my knowledge and experience in these areas to advance the SAPFM mission.

## WOODWORKING/FURNITURE BACKGROUND

*Briefly describe your background in woodworking, furniture conservation, and/or furniture study; explain how it aligns with SAPFM's mission.*

I have a passion and love for period furniture and the preservation of the skills and advancement of the craft. I began woodworking in earnest in 2008, after attending my first SAPFM chapter meeting in Springfield, Virginia. That meeting sparked my interest in Baroque and Rococo styles, and since that time I have concentrated on filling my home with period reproductions. Of the pieces I have built, two pieces stand among my favorites: (1) my reproduction of a Benjamin Randolph side chair, which taught me to shape a cabriole leg (focus on the ankle and don't neglect the back of the leg) and carve a proper ball

and claw; and (2) a Philadelphia-style spice chest on stand with triphyd feet and crotch mahogany tombstone-style doors. I haven't attempted much in the Neoclassical/Federal style but am interested in expanding into this area in the future.

I particularly enjoy using the various period tools and techniques that were used in the period, and then slowly introducing modern methods or materials after convincing myself that they won't change the outcome.

## OTHER RELEVANT BACKGROUND/SKILLS/KNOWLEDGE

*Enter information here, as applicable.*

As lead for the Chesapeake chapter, I have gained experience in establishing educational programs, coordinating presentations with leading experts in the field, performing woodworking demonstrations for the public, and recruiting new SAPFM members. At the end of 2022, I decided to identify and train my replacement so that I could devote greater effort to the SAPFM board. William Lohr readily agreed to take over the chapter leadership role after a one-year transition period, and we have been working together through the year to ensure he is fully prepared to lead all aspects of the chapter.