

## 2025: Beyond the Major Tournaments - What Else Does the TGA Do ?

**REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS (all except Origins, Gen Con, and Railcon):** Phil Cottrell, our Regional Tournament Director, is in charge of sanctioning conventions that wish to run an official Puffing Billy Tournament or other TGA-affiliated events. He has information about becoming a conductor, getting started, and sanctioning a PBT, modified PBT, or any other TGA affiliated train game tournament or other kind of event.

**LOCAL TRAIN GAME EVENTS:** Andi Wynn and Tricia Hermon are piloting an effort to get train games played in local game stores, under the TGA umbrella. If you have time and interest in doing something like that in your local game store or other location, talk to them.

**TOURNAMENT SPONSORSHIPS AND SPONSOR RELATIONS:** Phil Cottrell, Andi Wynn, Jeff Jackson, and Trella Bromley manage TGA Sponsor Relations.

**TGA TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE:** Dave Beery chairs this committee which broadly oversees all of the ways the TGA uses technology to run our tournaments and admin work. Committee members include Bob Rich, Robin Schaaf, Tricia Hermon, and Phil Cottrell. Current projects including updating how we manage player numbers during tournaments and upgrading our website technology.

**TGA WEBMASTER:** Bob Rich has served for the past 10 years in the generally thankless job of maintaining our website to keep it running and up to date.

**TGA MARKETING COMMITTEE:** Phil Cottrell chairs the committee, with the broad goal of finding ways to reach more people and turn them into active TGA members. See him if you have any ideas or want to help.

**TGA SOCIAL MEDIA:** Andi Wynn and Patricia Hermon manage our growing social media presence as part of our marketing efforts. Talk to them (or to Phil) with any suggestions, or if you'd like to help.

**TGA VIDEO PRODUCTIONS:** Andi Wynn is leading a very ambitious project to create TGA marketing videos along with tournament game aids and volunteer procedure videos. The project is just getting started this year, but we can all look forward to great things!

### TGA ADMINISTRATION. FORMAL TGA ORGANIZATION 2025:

In addition to the tournament side of things, the TGA corporation has an administrative side to keep things running smoothly and to ensure we comply with our articles of incorporation. This is headed up by the President of the TGA, Melissa Mendick. She is in charge of overseeing and managing all day-to-day operations of the TGA; essentially that means everything that is not part of managing the tournaments.

The Administrative structure includes Officers (elected annually), a Board of Directors (three-year terms) and Voting Members. Voting Members are TGA members who have been recognized by the Board for their sustained contributions to the TGA, and who provide input on various issues as requested by the organization.

OFFICERS: President: Melissa Mendick                      Vice-President: Justin Moul  
Secretary: Ken Bachman                                      Treasurer: Brian Tipper

BOARD: Ken Bachman, Dave Beery, David Belew, Phil Cottrell, Megan Harper, Patricia Hermon, Jeff Jackson, Melissa Mendick, Michael Mendick, Justin Moul, Brian Tipper

### VOTING

MEMBERS: Deborah Anderson, Ken Bachman, Amy Beery, Dave Beery, David Belew, Paul Bonday, Alan Borowski, Janet Bromley, Trella Bromley\*, Beth Bromson, Jack Burnham, John Butler, Anthony Carver\*, Chip Charnley\*, Sue Charnley, Phil Cottrell, Robin Cottrell, Jonathan DeSimone, Rick Dutton, Debbie Gutermuth, Ken Gutermuth\*, Jef Halberstadt, Megan Harper, Tricia Hermon, Ed Hewlett\*, Charles Hooks, Brian Humphreys, Jeff Jackson, Michael Jacobs, Roger Jarrett, Amanda Lacy, Lynne Lewellen, Mark Liberman, Cathy Lizama, Jen McConnell, Devin McCullen, Anthony Medici, Melissa Mendick, Michael Mendick, Chris Meyer\*, Dave Mitton, Lori Moo, Justin Moul, Heather Munn, Todd Nixon, Jason Plumley, John Puddifoot\*, Robert Rich, Bob Roby, Charlie Rucker, Richard Sheaves-Bein, Grace Simrall, William Spear, Al Stiles\*, Paul Stoffels, Dave Thornburg, Rachel Thurston, Brian Tipper, Jessica Tipper, Eric Verheiden, Pat Wolf, Andrea Wynn

\*Past Board Member

If you have questions about the organization, please ask **Melissa** or any of the Voting or Board Members.