

# CANDIDATE BIOS

## **RALPH "RICK" ROGERS**

Rick has been a CRPA Life member for six years and in 2019 became one of our first CRPA Patriot Life members. He is a very active CRPA volunteer, with well over 100 hours of service. He is the Past President, Vice President, and current Treasurer of the California Airgun Shooters Association. Rick is also a California State Field Target Spring Piston Champion, and Western Regional State Champion. Rick is currently working as a firearms instructor with Boy Scouts of America.

## **RYAN FELLOWS**

Born and raised in California, Ryan took an analytical interest in firearms at an early age which eventually resulted in his family members becoming gun owners. He got involved with airsoft during high school and made his first of many gun purchases at age 18. After college he began an entry level job working as an armorer for Franklin Armory in Morgan Hill. He has continued with the company, contributing to its significant growth. He is now a partner in Franklin Armory and the Senior Engineer in charge of Engineering and Development. He is also a partner in the acquisition of Bushmaster from Remington and sits on the Board of Directors of Arrowhead Machining, Inc. Ryan is an NRA certified RSO and a Certified Firearms Specialist with the International Firearms Specialist Academy. He is a CCW holder, hunter and outdoorsman who enjoys hiking, camping, and wildlife. Ryan is passionate about defending the Second Amendment rights of future generations and a Life member of CRPA.

## **JIM WHITE**

Jim White is a Life Member of CRPA and has been pleased to serve as a CRPA director and member of various committees during these challenging times. Jim has been an NRA Certified Instructor of the rifle, pistol, shotgun, and (formerly) muzzleloader rifle disciplines for nearly 30 years and a returning CA DFW Hunter Education Instructor of nearly 10 recent years. Jim spearheaded conservation, hunting, fishing, and outdoor education, and fund-raising efforts as President of Temple City Sportsmen for nearly 20 years and continues to serve as the club secretary. With your vote and support, Jim looks forward to continuing his service to CRPA and the values and causes that we hold to be inalienable to a free people.

## **JAY JACOBSON**

Jay Jacobson is the president of Franklin Armory which specializes in bringing new products to restrictive markets like California. Jay graduated from San Jose University in 1994 and started a business with his wife. Even though he has been successful in other businesses, nothing has provided as much professional satisfaction than producing firearms for fellow Californians. Jay has been a CRPA member since the 1990s and became a life member in 2015. Jay has served as a CRPA Board member since 2015 and provided his expertise to the Legislative Policy, Hunting and Wildlife Conservation, Finance, and Nominations Committees. Jay loves to hunt for California big game and upland bird with friends and family in his spare time.

## **PAUL NORDBERG**

Paul learned how to shoot and hunt from his father when he was in his teens. As an adult, Paul works in the firearms field ranging from being a counterperson at a local gun store to currently owning and running Calguns.net, the largest online community of California firearms owners existing today. Paul is a CRPA life member and an NRA benefactor life member. Paul has always been a Second Amendment advocate and for the last two decades has been a vocal Second Amendment activist fighting for gun owners in California. In addition to serving on the CRPA board of directors and as the chair of the CRPA Communications & Technology committee, Paul also served as the vice president of the non-profit Calguns Shooting Sports Association which focuses on new shooter training, community outreach and Second Amendment education. When Paul is not working on Second Amendment and firearms issues, he is usually at home with his wonderful wife of 35 years, their two dogs and one rambunctious cat.

## **GEORGE EMMERSON**

George has served on the Historical Arms committee, including as chairperson. He is a CRPA lifetime member, a member of the Smith & Wesson Collectors, The Ruger Collectors, and the San Gabriel Valley Arms Collectors Association, and has served as president of that group. George has put on displays with members of the San Gabriel Arms Collectors and the Santa Barbara Arms Collectors for the CRPA banquets and the Santa Barbara Gun Show. George is a shooter, re-loader, and collector, which all started with his father at age ten. He enjoys the camaraderie with others and sharing the history of firearms.

## **STEVE TURNER**

Steve is a life member of CRPA and a benefactor life member of the NRA. He has served multiple years as president of the Long Beach Rod/Gun Club and National Varmint Hunters as well as a member of Cerritos Rod/Gun Club, Predator Callers of Orange County, Pheasant/Quail/Ducks unlimited and Rocky Mountain Elk foundation. He is an Army veteran and corporate vice-president in the electronics industry as well as a pistol and shotgun instructor. He attended CSU Long Beach for undergraduate and graduate school. His interest includes stopping our politicians from further eroding our Second Amendment constitutional rights and repealing many of the draconian laws currently on the books. Additionally, working with youth hunters to grow the future ranks of our shooting sports and supporting our fastest growing segment of women hunters/shooters in America.

# 2022 CRPA ELECTION BALLOT

Each adult, dues-paying CRPA member (except as noted below) is entitled to vote for the candidates appearing on this election ballot. If elected, the candidate will serve on CRPA's Board of Directors.

The following membership classes are NOT eligible to vote: Junior, Temporary, and VIP members. Club and Business Members only receive one vote per club or business, notwithstanding any individual CRPA members within the club or business that may cast their ballot in their individual capacity.

Important Voting Information:

**1)** Ballots must be postmarked no later than **March 27, 2022**. Ballots may be mailed to 271 E. Imperial Highway, Suite 620, Fullerton, CA 92835.

**2)** This official ballot must be returned to the address above. A copy of this page is acceptable and must be mailed to the address above, faxed to (714) 992-2996 or emailed to: [membership@crpa.org](mailto:membership@crpa.org) by the deadline.

## **POSITION OF DIRECTOR AT LARGE** *(Choose up to 3)*

- Rick Rogers
- Ryan Fellows
- Jim White
- Jay Jacobson
- Paul Nordberg
- George Emmerson
- Steve Turner

**Information below is required for ballot to be valid.**

CRPA Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

CRPA Member #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***Signed ballots must be returned no later than March 27, 2022***