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friends should not be taken away. It is up to us to fight for the youth of this growing country.

In closing I would like to represent the MCRGO and fight for the rights of all gun owners including recreational shooting, personal protection, and hunting. ■

Neva Li Member since 2001



A wife, mother and grandmother, I am also a high school science teacher, NRA Certified Firearms Instructor, Range Safety Officer, Refuse To Be A Victim Instructor, active with the education arm of MCRGO, the MCRGO Foundation, and Thumb Area Chapter Chair. My husband, Felix Li, is extremely supportive of the hours I put in, the travel I must do, and the financial commitment that significant volunteerism takes.

I am politically active, believing that legislation and the changes we can make are our best direction for the future. I have worked to organize Legislators' CPL classes in hopes of educating our legislators to the practical effects of the laws they pass. I have taught Eddie Eagle seminars to young people in hopes of bringing the issue of firearm safety to families and children. As a life member of MCRGO, I believe education about firearms, firearms rights, and the historical role of firearms in our Society to be vital issues. "What one does not understand, one fears."

I have shown my commitment to gun ownership, putting in many hours of volunteer time, traveling across the state on more than one occasion, working gun shows and activities such as assisting in teaching free CPL classes to low-income women. I have been instrumental in seeing MCRGO's name in local newspapers on more than one occasion and work constantly to improve the image of MCRGO.

I am committed to a member driven organization moving toward a positive future. ■

AT LARGE SEATS



State Senator Alan L. Cropsey Member since 2000

Senator Alan Cropsey is currently a member of the Board of Directors. He has served 10 years in the Michigan House of Representatives and is in his fifth year in the Michigan Senate. While he has a long record of legislative achievement, his most impressive accomplishment was the introduction and advocacy of the CCW bill which Governor Engler signed into law.

In 1996, the National Rifle Association honored Senator Cropsey with the *Defender of Freedom Award*.

At the 2001 MCRGO Annual Meeting, he was honored by MCRGO as "the father of CCW reform." If you have recently acquired a concealed pistol license or are currently awaiting final approval, you have Senator Alan Cropsey to thank.

Senator Cropsey is chairman of the Judiciary Committee where he controls the gun related legislation in the Michigan Senate.

When asked about MCRGO and the future, Senator Cropsey said:

I want to thank the members of MCRGO for allowing me to serve on the Board. The past few years have been filled with monumental accomplishments. However, the Second Amendment is constantly under attack. MCRGO was the only state-wide gun organization that fought the gun grabbers in Ferndale to stop their illegal anti-gun ordinance.

My goal for MCRGO is to make the organization bigger and stronger so that we may have the strength to fight for our rights in the legislature, in the courts, and in the media. ■

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Rep. Tabor sees a bright future for MCRGO as its membership increases and its credibility and influence on the legislative process is strengthened. Her wealth of knowledge on the issues that are important to MCRGO is immense and her sphere of influence on the legislative process is invaluable. ■

Representative Tabor was named Legislator of the Year by the Michigan United Conservation Club in 2001 and was recently named honorary state spokesperson for the Michigan Youth Hunter Education Challenge. Her commitment to MCRGO is undaunted as she has been instrumental in its growth and success during its early days. She has shepherded legislation important to MCRGO, such as the CCW reform legislation, the Veat transport bill, and the legislation to prohibit local governments from suing gun manufacturers.

Sue is a life member of the NRA and currently sits on the Board of Directors for MCRGO. She is an active member of many outdoor organizations, including Safari Club International, Ducks Unlimited, Pheasants Forever, and the National Wild Turkey Federation's Women in the Outdoors.

Susan Tabor is currently serving her third and final term as state Representative for the 71st District, which includes almost all of Eaton County. She is chairman of the House Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Committee and is the House Republican co-chair of the Michigan Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus.



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State Representative Susan Tabor Member since 1999



MCRGO in 2003: Bigger and Better than Ever!

Once it became clear that a few key activists were determined to place their personal agendas ahead of our Mission Statement, your Board of Directors launched a major internal review. When the results were in, they kicked off a major reorganization in the Fall of 2002. Their record of success is listed below. Every MRCGO member should consider these facts before casting a vote in this election.

Before	After
Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MCRGO launches free CPL class for Legislators
'Training' limited to publishing instructor lists and providing advertising for private, for-profit businesses. Scattered co-sponsorship of private sector training programs.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MCRGO awarded exclusive rights to 'Eddie Eagle' program for school children throughout Michigan
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Legal advice column established in On Target
Litigation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MCRGO wins unanimously in Appellate Court!
MCRGO loses Ferndale case in the Circuit Court	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MCRGO persuades municipalities to toss ordinances previously adopted
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Litigation explored for: service mark infringement, violation of CCW statute, etc.
Legislation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Endorsement plan developed, 85% of MCRGO-backed candidates win!
There is no endorsement or campaign program; a few members work to undermine Rep. Hummel and many MCRGO issues languish	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rep. Hummel tells MCRGO, "I couldn't have passed this bill without you!"
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Legislative priorities adopted and hand-delivered
Finances	All debts paid by March
MCRGO lost \$52,000	Over \$4,000 in ad revenue <i>per issue</i>
On Target ad revenues total only \$2,500	Advance planning allows for bulk rates
Poor planning forces first-class mailings	Board approves first \$15,000 investment
Zero savings	
Facilities	Quadruple the space with reserved parking, five work stations, storage and two bathrooms on the ground floor costing <i>75% less per square foot</i>
Cramped office with no parking, shared work station and shared bathroom on a second floor	
Profile	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Two leading Legislators appointed to the Board
No organized plan in Lansing; committee activity limited to Wayne County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional representation established across state
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Committees adopted and implementation begun
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> More Chairs, Vice-Chairs and Affiliates than ever
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New, more comprehensive website launched
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On Target becomes Michigan's newest magazine!

UPPER PENINSULA

Terry M. Alderton Member since 2003

I am an advocate of hunters rights. I have been hunting and fishing all my life. I am a firm believer that the right to bear arms is the right of all law abiding citizens. This includes concealed weapons with the proper permit. I believe that responsible gun owners should be represented by people who believe in their rights.

I have been married to my wife Marlene since 1969. We have four children and five grandchildren.

I graduated from National Mine High School, National Mine Michigan in 1966. I served in the United States Marine Corps from June 14, 1966 to June 13, 1969. I am a life member of the AMVETS.

The Upper Peninsula is a very pro gun area, and it is my hope that if elected, I would be able to represent the interests of the MCRGO in the U.P. I also feel that the Upper Penin-sula is a good area to recruit new membership and would concentrate my efforts in that direction as a Board Member of the Michigan Coalition for Responsible Gun Owners.

Thank you for consideration of my application. ■

NORTHERN LOWER PENINSULA



Dale Shantz Member since 1998

I grew up on a dairy farm in northern lower Michigan, between Fairview and Mio. Both of my parents were firm proponents of gun control . . . How else can you hit what you're shooting at?! My Dad and I would practice with an old H&R .22 revolver on the birds that raided the corn cribs, and by the time I was 15 I carried it while working in the fields, to keep the wood-chucks in line. My Mother was always the best shot, however, and is still after elk and moose in her 70's.

I started paying attention to gun rights when the Clinton Administration extended the Brady Act to involve all firearms. I joined the NRA, and Frank Finch recruited me to MCRGO, after reading a letter I had sent to the Detroit News. I was asked to join the board of directors in February of last year, and am proud of what MCRGO has accom-plished in Michigan.

I have three core goals for our Michigan Coalition: Maintain and broaden our influence in the legislature; extend that influence to local units of government; and provide an um-brella organization for all Michigan citizens seeking to regain the fundamental right of self defense to work together to achieve that right. We will not always agree on ways and means, but we surely agree that the founders of this nation and of this state had it right the first time, and shall not be infringed, set-aside, or otherwise ignored. ■

SOUTH-WESTERN LOWER PENINSULA



David W. Aviles Member since 1997

I have retired from the US Navy after 22 years of service and have made MCRGO my full time hobby. I have been an MCRGO Board member for 4 years. I am the current Chairman of the MCRGO Political Action Com-mittee. I set up and work the gun shows in Kalamazoo and Grand Rap-ids. I have attended gun boards in the following counties to monitor their compliance with PA 381 of 2000, Allegan, Barry, Kent and Van Buren. Kent County still has problems that need to be addressed. I have attended city and county meetings to oppose their plans to pass anti-CCW ordinances.

My vision for the future of MCRGO is to encourage increased MCRGO member parti-cipation in their local County Chapters. To encourage Chapters to continue to recruit mem-bers and Affiliate Clubs. I also wish to encourage our members to become Precinct Delegates and become active in the Political Party of their choice in support of Michigan gun rights. We have had great success in the past helping our friends in the legislature

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get elected. We will continue to go to the legislature and work to reduce the restrictions against gun owners in Michigan.

We must educate our youth in the Hunting Spirit because with less people becoming hunters each year in time we will lose the strength to fight off anti hunting and anti self defense laws. Together we have made a difference and in the future we will again. ■



James M. Kliemann Member since 1998

An incumbent member of the Board since 2001, and a member of MCRGO since 1998, attending many board meetings during the years prior to my appointment as a Director. Also Chapter Chair of the Southwest Michigan Chapter which includes Berrien, Cass, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph and Van Buren Counties, meeting on a monthly basis.

- National Rifle Association, Life Member.
- Member, "Keep And Bear Arms" website.
- Member of a local gun club.
- Military service: U.S. Army, active 1959-1962.

Initiated activities to find a chapter chair for Kalamazoo County, and still looking. Other activities include working gun shows and signing up many fine affiliate clubs, one of my favorite activities. Organized and managed various meetings, training sessions, and public relations events. In my home area, make efforts to be in touch with local legislators and law enforcement who have an influence on gun legislation. Participate in election activities the outcomes of which can influence gun legislation. Monitors local gun boards. Worked with local gun board in 2001 to facilitate transition to new CCW system. Qualified NRA trainer for basic handgun classes.

An outspoken advocate of the right to keep and bear arms by all citizens of state and country.

As a Director and an individual, I believe I have made a positive difference towards enhancing MCRGO's strength and image both to the public and the legislative bodies in Lansing and elsewhere.

Both strength and image are necessary in order to fulfill our Mission Statement, and I will continue to work towards those goals. ■

SOUTH-CENTRAL LOWER PENINSULA



Glen S. Griffith Member since 1997

The growth of MCRGO, especially in the last two years has been phe-nomenal and it has been very exciting to be a part of it.

MCRGO is the most effective pro firearms organization in Michigan and we have the potential to grow even larger and more powerful.

To achieve this vision the decisions that are made by the Board of Direc-tors are crucial. A Board of Directors seat is a position of trust and responsibility that should be earned with a record of support and commitment to the mission of this organi-zation. As a current member of the Board of Directors I am seeking your continued support in this election for a seat from the South Central Region.

For those of you who I have not met during the myriad of Board meetings, Chapter meetings, town hall meetings, gun shows, or other special events: I live in Pinckney with my wife Elizabeth and our three cats, Smokey, Esmerelda and Perdita.

Since retiring from General Motors in 2000 after 32 years, my main focus has been MCRGO and the fight to improve the firearm laws of Michigan. I have demonstrated my commitment to MCRGO and I am asking for your vote. ■

BALLOTS ARE DUE ON AUGUST 1, 2003 AT 5:00 P.M.
Ballots are enclosed in your July/August issue of *On Target News*.
Make your voice be heard by voting!

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Richard J. LeBeau

With the exception of a few years spent living in Alaska, I have been a lifelong resident of Midland. I have enjoyed hunting and the shooting sports all of my life and still do. I have also been a member of the NRA for most of my adult life and am a life member of the North American Hunting Club.

I learned to shoot a pistol while in Marine Corp Boot Camp and have been partial to the 1911 ever since. I purchased my first handgun in 1961 and have owned handguns ever since. I had an unrestricted CCW thru the 1980's and early 1990's. This has given me even greater appreciation for our "Shall Issue" law. Con-sidering what I had to go through to get a CCW back then, the new law is wonderful.

As you can see, I believe in "Responsible Gun Ownership" and have lived it for the better part of the last 30 years. The "Shall Issue" law us just the first step for us in Michigan. We must continue to work and educate the non-shooting public so as to protect our right to "Keep and Bear Arms" and to go forward in promoting these rights, not only in Michigan, but also in all 50 states.

If I am elected to the board, I will work tirelessly to that end. Thank you for your time and consideration. ■

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Rolland (Rollie) Brengle Member since 1997

My name is Rollie Brengle, currently Vice Chairman. I was first appointed to the Board when Brad Foster was MCRGO President. I was elected to the Board in 2001. Illness, accident, and getting lost, are the only Board meetings I have missed.

I was Chapter Chair for Oakland County and Oakland County West. I resigned in 2002. As Chapter Chair, I conducted the MCRGO booth at three MUCC OUTDOORAMA shows, 1999-2002. In 2003, I, along with many others, assisted Doug Berg, the current Oakland County Chapter Chair at that event.

I have always done what I thought best for MCRGO, as a whole entity. Many of you know that I will "tell it like it is", then having to remove my foot from my mouth!

I would like to run for one, of the six one-year terms, for the Board of Directors. I currently live in what has been designated the SE (Southeast) region.

I would like to assist in the continuity of the new Board. They will need to see that goals are met. I will warn you, if elected for a two-year position, I will resign at the end of the first year, and the then current Board will appoint someone to fill the vacancy created or re-placed at the next election in 2004.

For allowing my to serve YOU for the past three years, I thank you!

I ask for your support in the upcoming election. ■



Douglas C. Buckler Member since 1993

My name is Doug Buckler. First and foremost why I am running for the Board of Directors is that I'm a proud American. I believe in the rights that our forefathers risked their lives over. One of which is the right to bear arms.

I not only believe in this right, I preach and live it every day. I am also an avid hunter which has taken me to countries such as Canada and Africa. During these hunting trips I have seen what government can do. Just look at Canada having no pistols or semi-automatic weapons. There are many other anti-gun movements and legislation in process as we speak. Lastly, I also believe in the right to protect our families and property from imminent danger.

I have been a hunter for 35 years and I am 47 years of age. I bought my first gun at age 14 from money which I earned by mowing lawns and shoveling snow. I still own that gun today. The experiences I have had in the field and at the gun range with my family and

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