

## **Robert B. Kauffman-Independent Candidate**

**Candidate Summary:** Dr. Kauffman is a retired outdoor education professor who has been involved with paddling for many years. He helped develop early ACA education and safety resources, including films, wall posters, and pamphlets. Currently, he serves as ACA Board Secretary.

**Resume Summary:** Robert B. Kauffman, Ph.D. has had a lifetime involvement with paddlesports and the ACA, which he brings to the ACA BOD. Serving on the ACA Board of Directors from 1980 to 1989 and from 1998 to 2005, he was reelected to the ACA BOD in 2003. Dr. Kauffman has helped move the organization forward. At the request of the current board, he was responsible for implementing the USOPC board training, developing the executive director performance review process, developing job descriptions for the CEO, COO and CFO positions, and serving as board secretary. A former instructor, IT and ITE in several disciplines, his range of paddlesport experience includes leading multi-day wilderness canoe trips, coastal kayaking, rafting, swiftwater rescue and whitewater. In the 1980s, he was responsible for the ACA water trails initiatives. Competing in both slalom and wildwater, he has hung many a slalom gate. Creating numerous award winning safety videos and educational materials on behalf of the ACA, he brought in over \$700,000 to the ACA in Coast Guard grants. Complementing his ACA involvement, Dr. Kauffman is a Professor Emeritus at Frostburg State University where he served as department chair, developed collaborative inter-institutional programs, and was involved in governance at the university and Board of Regents levels. Dr. Kauffman brings to the ACA BOD a lifetime of paddlesports involvement and board level experience in an effort to move the ACA forward.

### **Why are you interested in serving on ACA's Board?**

In the past, I have invested considerable time, energy, and professional development in the ACA. I am interested in seeing its continued success. In addition, I am interested in giving back to the organization and paddlesports.

### **What specific knowledge, skills, abilities and talents do you bring?**

I bring four things to the Board. First, I have institutional knowledge of the organization and can utilize it in framing my contribution for the future. Second, I have a broad-based experience of paddlesports including competition, education, tripping and recreation. In addition, I have been in multiple disciplinary, including whitewater, tripping, and coastal kayaking. Third, I have considerable outside experiences which can enrich my contribution to the organization. For example, I was chair of the Council of University System Faculty (CUSF) and worked with the Board of Regents in Maryland on faculty related issues. Fourth, I have served for two years on the ACA BOD and I seek to continue and fulfill the initiatives started by the BOD.

### **Do you have any previous experience or are you currently serving on a non-profit Board?**

Currently, I am serving on the Board of the ACA as an Independent Member. I am not currently serving on any other boards or similar positions. In 2016-2017 and 2017-2018, I was elected chair of the Council of University System Faculty (CUSF). Term limited at two years, I was reelected in 2018-2019. The Council is advisory to the Chancellor and Board of Regents. Successful initiatives included: Shared Governance Evaluation of System Presidents, Joint Omniperson Resolution, Faculty Salary Initiative, and Academic Integrity Initiative. In 2004 to 2005, I served on the BOD of the Cumberland Maryland YMCA where I was second vice-president and member of executive committee.

### **What do you expect from the ACA to make service on the Board personally rewarding for you?**

Paddlesports and boating safety have been a thread running through my professional career. It has been rewarding and personally satisfying. I want to give my knowledge and experience back to others in the field.

**Can you describe your understanding of the ACA, roles and responsibilities?**

This is my second year of having served on the ACA BOD. I have a pretty good understanding of the ACA, its roles and responsibilities. This is reflected in my contribution to the BOD with the board training initiative and the executive director review process.

**Resume:** Please see resume summary.