

## **Heartland NATAS BOG Allied Nominees – 2012 May Election - Candidates**

### **Traci Bilek**

Traci Bilek is serving as Treasurer on the NATAS board. While she currently lives her TV career vicariously through her husband, Carl Bilek, she previously worked for 7 years at KWGN as an accountant. She is an active volunteer at her children's elementary school, serving on the PTO executive board responsible for coordinating volunteers for fundraising and the other school activities throughout the year. She also helped implement and train the school's new library catalog computing system.

Traci earned her accounting degree from the University of Denver and prior to working at KWGN worked for several years in Public Accounting. She currently serves as an at-large allied member of the NATAS board of governors.

### **Shawn Montano**

Shawn Montano is probably the only person ever to work for all 5 news stations in Denver. Shawn has won 5 Emmys, and is a 4 time NPPA Video Editor of the year, the only person ever to win this award 4 times. Shawn is a passionate editor, and loves talking about editing (don't get him started) so much, that last summer Shawn made the jump from the newsroom to the classroom.

Shawn now teaches in the Multimedia Graphic Design Department at Front Range Community College in Longmont Colorado. Shawn also teaches Photoshop, Sound Design, and Videography. He has created a video editing capstone (master) class, in which he and his students produce and edit the regional Emmy awards production for the gala. Shawn and his students have done this for 3 years and hope to continue to produce the show. He currently serves as an at-large allied member of the NATAS board of governors.

### **Paul Drexler**

Paul Drexler began his video production career at Metro State after studying geology at CU Boulder and chemistry/geology at New Mexico State University. In addition to science, Paul's background is also extensive in the legal field. Prior to his enrolment into the MSCD Tech. Com./Media Production department, Paul was a practicing legal investigator. Paul's interests include flying, photography, backpacking, climbing, mountain biking, and really anything that takes him outdoors.

In 2004 Paul started his own production company with long time friend, audio guru, and now business partner Jeff Smith. In addition to his company's continued growth Paul's accolades include several high profile video production awards including first place in an Apple student film contest and numerous Telly Awards. More recently Paul has been extremely active at Rocky Mountain PBS as a videographer, studio tech, and co-field producer. Paul has always been active in the aviation community and has produced several award winning aviation related documentaries and promotional videos. Among

his extensive list of clients Paul is proud to relate that he has produced several videos for Pearson Education publishing and Wiley & Sons publishing as part of his educational and training video production background. Paul currently serves as a non-voting allied member of the NATAS board of governors.

### **Non –Voting Positions**

#### **David Bondelevitch**

David Bondelevitch is an Emmy-award winning music editor and re-recording mixer. He has also won two MPSE Golden Reel Awards and has been nominated twenty-two times. He is currently an Assistant Professor at the University of Colorado Denver.

David is Past President of the Motion Picture Sound Editors, is Secretary of the Cinema Audio Society and is Secretary of the Audio Engineering Society's Colorado chapter. He holds Bachelor's degrees from MIT and the Berkley College of Music and an MFA in Cinema Production from USC.

He is a member the Recording Academy, the American Federation of Musicians, the Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers, Broadcast Music, Inc., Film Independent, the American Film Institute, and the International Documentary Association.

#### **Fritz Kiersch**

Fritz Kiersch began his career in Hollywood in 1975. He is best known for directing the original Stephen King's '*Children of the Corn*' motion picture which created a franchise in the horror film genre. In 2000 he expanded his interests by transitioning into academia as a Professor and the Director of the Film and Video Studies Program at the Oklahoma City Community College.

Kiersch continues to be very active in the production of product as a 'hyphenate' of numerous feature length films, TV shows, commercials and special film projects. His recent film work includes executive producing '*First & Female*' a documentary exploring the role of Oklahoma women in leadership and '*Unsolved*', a feature horror film currently in home entertainment release.

In the spring of 2006, Kiersch accepted the academic post initiating the Moving Image Arts Program a baccalaureate degree program offering degree tracks in both critical Film Studies and physical Film Production at Oklahoma City University.

He serves on a number of University committees as well as on the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Educational Television Authority (Public Broadcast Station) appointed by the Governor and the Board of the Youth Recovery Foundation.

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