



# 2024 BOARD CANDIDATE

**Name:** Angie Myers

**CANDIDATE BIO**

**Employer / Former Employer (if retired)** United States Postal Service-National Rural Letter Carriers Association

**Type of Business / Organization** Union Steward For Rural Mail Carriers at the USPS

**Are you a member of the Blissfest Music Organization?** Lifetime Member

**Please add a brief bio of your relevant experience?**

I was first elected to the BMO Board in 2009 for the 2010-2013 term and again for 2014-2016. In those terms, I served as Vice President and President. After some time off, I was appointed by the Board in 2018 to fill a vacated seat that expired in 2020. I was then elected for the 2021-2023 term. I am currently serving as the Board President and have been since 2020. Blissfest committees that I have chaired include HR, Festival Operations and Policy. Before I was elected to the Board, I was trained by USPS as a Quality of Worklife Facilitator, responsible for training groups of managers and carriers on how to work as a team, effectively communicate, come to consensus and implement a project. My experience as a Union Steward has been helpful in updating and navigating the BMO grievance process, creating and updating our employee handbook and other policies. My professional experience is also relevant to many HR/staff related topics. Prior to joining the Blissfest Board, I was the Treasurer and then Vice President for my local union. I have also been participating in formal meetings, that follow Roberts Rules for many, many years because of the union.

**Why are you interested in serving on the Blissfest Board? Please share your motivation and what is it about our work that excites you?**

I love Blissfest! I have loved it since the first festival I attended over 32 years ago. I love being involved and working with my fellow dedicated board members, talented staff and all the awesome volunteers. Getting to see my loved ones enjoy the festival after all the planning and prep is what continues to motivate me to keep working and to make every festival, the best festival ever! It is such a special place and experience, that brings so much joy to all who love it. It is truly an honor to be involved with this organization.

**What do you see as your most valuable contribution to Blissfest?**

My history with BMO puts me in a position to help usher in the future, while recognizing and honoring the past. Making sure every voice is heard and decisions are made with the membership, and what is best for the organization, in mind.

**What do you see as 1-2 challenges and 1-2 opportunities for us in the next few years?**

We are in the final stages of transition from a founder led organization for 40 years. We have a bright future that we are working hard to ensure has a solid foundation, leadership, with policies and procedures in place at all levels. Transitions can be the most challenging time for any organization, and we are coming through it with focus and determination. I feel we have important work to left to do as a board, and I would like the opportunity to help with that.

**VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

Blissfest, President/Vice President

Top-O-MI Rural Letter Carriers Association, *Treasurer/Vice President*, 2005-2012

United States Postal Service, *Quality of Worklife Facilitator*, 2008

Mission Blues, *President*, 2021-present

I also helped form the Petoskey Roller Deby Team a few years ago and was the Vice President for our short but amazing journey.



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**Please provide more details about your nonprofit or board experience such as the organization's size or other roles not listed above. What did you enjoy most about this service, and what was most challenging?**

I loved the Quality of Worklife Program because it brought carriers and managers together and taught them to function as a team. When I joined QWL, my team at the Harbor Springs Post Office, won an award for the recycling program we implemented. It was a great experience.

**Select notable Skills and Expertise you will contribute to the Board of Directors, Blissfest Music Organization and Committees you serve.**

Education  
Event Planning  
Fundraising/Development  
HR / Administration  
Land Use / Conservation  
Legal  
Marketing  
Professional Nonprofit Experience  
Public Relations  
Public Speaking / Presentation  
Strategic Planning  
Sustainable living practices

#### **Attributes**

Asks tough questions with respect  
Collaborative  
Comfortable Speaking in front of groups  
Enthusiastic  
Facilitative Style  
Good Sense of Humor  
Optimistic  
Respectful of others opinions  
Responsive  
Strong Work Ethic  
Staying on Task  
Willing and able to lead a discussion

#### **Please Choose Committee Interest**

Development  
Festival Operations  
Finance  
Governance & Policy  
Human Resources  
Land Use / Blissfest Future Forest  
Programming & Marketing  
Site

#### **FUNDRAISING**

**Can you speak to your level of comfort or experience with this expectation?**

I love fundraising, especially through events and I am happy to help in any way possible.

#### **TIME**

**Do you have any concerns or potential conflicts with this time commitment?**

I don't have any concerns with the time commitment as I am fully aware of what it takes.