

# CECILIA MINER

CANDIDATE FOR AVA SECRETARY



I'm Cecilia Miner, and I'm asking you to elect me AVA Secretary. The position of Secretary is an important one on the AVA National Executive Council (NEC), requiring accurate capture of Council proceedings, votes, attendance, and motions. In addition, the Secretary administers credentialing and vote counting at conventions, maintains recordings until meeting minutes are finalized, and performs other duties as stated in the Bylaws and the NEC Handbook or as prescribed by the NEC. In a non-profit membership organization like the AVA, transparency is critical, and that only comes with accurate recording and reporting of information from the leadership.

I am running for the office of Secretary because I feel called to higher service at the national level after having served at club, state, and region levels for over 20 years. In particular, I was Secretary in the Illinois Trekkers and the founding-secretary of the U.S. FreedomWalk Festival club. I am currently Trailmaster and Treasurer for the Wood & Dale Wanderers Volkssport Club, which has a long record of high participation numbers for its year-round events. Also, I served on the committees for the 2005 AVA Convention and the 2017 Atlantic Region Conference, where I was a fundraiser. In addition, I am serving a second term as Secretary of the Virginia Volkssport Association. Outside of the AVA community, I have been Secretary of my homeowners association for 11 years. Thus, I understand the concept of service and the function of the Secretary to provide and maintain timely, accurate records of meetings that allow the organization's work to flow smoothly and to perform other duties as needed for the good of the organization.

Additional background:

- AVA Life Member
- 1900 events, 21000 kilometers
- Walks in all 50 states and 18 countries
- Certificate of Service, 1997
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- Distinguished Achievement Award, 2007
- Meritorious Service Award, 2011
- Certificate of Service Award, 2011
- Certificate of Superior Service to the Surgeon General of the United States, US FreedomWalk Festival, 2006
- Officer of US FreedomWalk Festival, which received the Ted Ballman Youth Award, 2007

Professionally, I served in the Air Force for 22 years and then as a federal contractor and federal employee for another 18 years before retiring in 2018. In many of my duties I was a contracting agent and project manager with responsibility for large sums of public funds.

Going forward: As your Secretary, I commit to the high standards required of an NEC member and expect to promote AVA values and the AVA's role as America's Walking Club. I am supported in my candidacy by my husband and fellow volkssporter Tim Miner, Ted Ballman Award individual recipient; and by Sam Korff, current AVA Secretary, former Northwest Regional Director, and AVA Hall of Fame Award recipient. You can count on me.

