

CHASE DAVIS

CANDIDATE FOR AVA TREASURER



I'm asking for your vote for election to AVA Treasurer. I'm passionate about walking and feel that Volkssporting improves the quality of our lives—physically, socially, and emotionally. I'm standing for election because I would like to give back to the AVA and help it continue to succeed.

Volkssport experience: I'm an AVA life member, a member of three Volkssport clubs, plus the president of the Pathfinder Volkssport Club of the Northwest, where I also edit the club newsletter for distribution to over 500 members. During 2017, I Volkswalked over 3,300 km in six US states and four Canadian provinces, finished three Centurion Challenge books, and one 42 km. In 2018, I Volkswalked about 2,500 km in five states and five foreign countries and completed two Centurions. I enjoy getting out and meeting people at walk events and supporting my clubs. My personal goal is to walk all of the Year-Round Events in Washington State (there's about 230 of them), and I've walked about two-thirds of them so far.

Professional experience: I hold a Bachelor of Arts degree in accounting and am a licensed Certified Public Accountant (CPA), passing the entire CPA exam on my first try back in 1985. My other professional designation is Certified Financial Examiner, which is issued by the Society of Financial Examiners. Over the past 35 years, I have worked as a financial auditor, securities analyst, and financial analyst. I'm currently serving my third five-year term on the Board of Governors of the Society of Financial Examiners, a professional society for examiners and analysts of insurance companies. My additional volunteer experience includes: Treasurer for the Centennial Elementary School Booster Association (Olympia, Washington) from 1998 to 2000; Board Member of Student Orchestras of Greater Olympia 2004 to 2007 and its Treasurer from 2006 to 2007; and Assistant Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 266 from 2000 to 2007, where I taught the personal finance merit badge for three years. In these Treasurer positions, I explained the financial results to people without a financial background.

Treasurer Priorities: As a National Executive Council member, I will approach decision-making in the best interest of clubs across the country. I will support the AVA in finding new ways to grow membership and increase participation and adopt policies and programs to grow clubs in under-represented areas. I will also support expanding the use of technology to improve member interaction and experience. I will support developing strategic alliances to raise national recognition of America's Walking Club. However, at the same time, the AVA must also look for ways to tighten its belt and get expenses in line with revenues. You may reach me at WalkmanWalkabout@gmail.com with any questions or comments. Thank you for your consideration; I look forward to serving you.

Endorsements: Tom Baltes, Northwest Regional Director; Sam Korff, AVA Secretary; Sharon Moats, President of Evergreen State Volkssport Association; Bob Morrison, AVA National Treasurer; Nancy Wittenberg, AVA Vice President.

