

Dawn Satter, R-7271
Candidate for Secretary

After volunteering at the 2007 National Convention and having served as Co-Chair for the 2008 Convention, I have decided to further demonstrate my devotion to the hobby by running for the position of Secretary of the Club's Board of Directors. Although I may be seen by some as a relative "newcomer" to the hobby, I feel that having successfully Co-Chaired the 2008 Convention with no prior experience, I have demonstrated not only my skills, but also my hard work ethic and strong dedication to the chip collecting hobby.

My election platform is a simple and straightforward one. When I first became involved in this hobby, it was the people I met along the way who welcomed me warmly and showed me what it was like to not only be a collector, but to be part of a large extended family—a bunch of people who were more than friends sharing a common interest in gaming history and chip collecting, but rather a very close-knit group who shared information about the hobby, and whose caring for one another extended far beyond the hobby itself and into each others' personal lives. One chipper always looked out for another, and helped each other out in times of need. This is a phenomenon I have never seen before in all the hobbies that I have been involved with, and I view it as a unique offshoot of the hobby.

Aside from the fact that the poor economic state of our nation has adversely affected sales, there has also been a decline in membership and the club is operating at a loss. I have also witnessed firsthand the effects of infighting and its negative impact on the hobby at large...and this is a large factor in the attrition we are witnessing in members. For many members, the fun has become a distant memory, and I feel that one of the first things that needs to happen is to bring a positive energy back to the hobby and to make it fun again. That one element is a huge motivator for our membership, and should become the basic framework from which we rebuild.

Once that is accomplished and a newfound eagerness emerges, the rest of the pieces will fall into place. This is no easy task, but with the right people elected to serve on the Board of Directors who share a similar outlook, it is far from impossible.

I have already demonstrated my passion for the hobby with my volunteer work I have performed for the club, and also my attention to detail and my strong organizational abilities when I Co-Chaired the 2008 Convention. I am also currently serving as Vice President of the Southern Nevada Casino Collectibles Club, and this is giving me more experience running an organization; though on a much smaller scale than the National Club, it is a job with many responsibilities that would transfer well if I were to be elected to the position of Secretary. I am honest, outgoing and dedicated, and it should also be noted that I do not have myriad other responsibilities to other organizations that would impede my

duties as Secretary of the club.

I ask my fellow members, whether or not they had the privilege of attending the 2008 Convention and seeing my hard work come to fruition, to give me the chance to serve this wonderful hobby by casting their vote for me. A vote for Dawn is a vote for positive change and the steering of the club in a better direction.

If any of our members have questions for me, I can be reached by email at satterdawn@yahoo.com. Thank you for your consideration.