



# Rural Wireless Association

## 2015 Director Election Ballot

**Only Voting (Carrier) Members may vote and each Voting Member is entitled to one vote per open position in elections of directors. A Voting Member must be a licensee or spectrum lessee of an FCC licensed wireless system (including, but not limited to, licensees and those who lease spectrum), which together with all affiliates under common control with the licensee or spectrum lessee, provides wireless service to no more than 100,000 of its own subscribers.**



If you are not attending the Annual Meeting and will be voting **by email**, your ballot must be received by RWA **via email on or by Friday, September 18, 2015 at 3 PM Eastern.**

### **THREE (3) seats for Voting (Carrier) Members (Vote for up to THREE candidates)**

- ☐ Michael Candelaria, General Manager of Mid-Rivers Communications
- ☐ Jim Croal, Chief Technology Officer of Limitless Mobile, LLC
- ☐ Shawn Hanson (Incumbent), General Manager & CEO of PTSI (Panhandle Telecommunications Systems, Inc.)
- ☐ Tim Nixdorf, Wireless Operations Manager of Triangle Communications

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**Voting/Carrier Member Name**

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**Authorized Representatives (sign & date)**

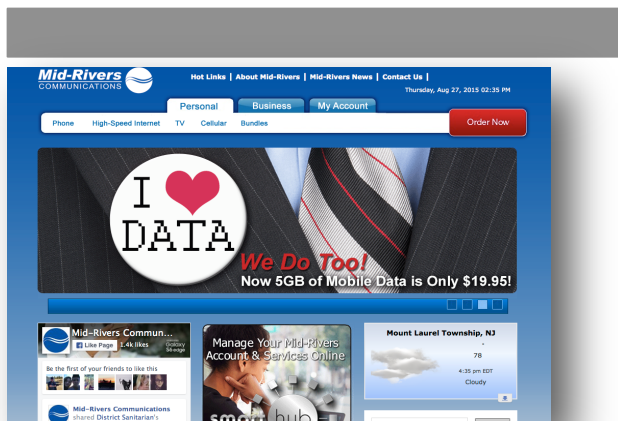
- ☐ I will vote in-person at the Annual Meeting
- ☐ I will not be attending the Annual Meeting

If not voting in person at the Annual Meeting, please email this page/ballot to [hthompson@ruralwireless.org](mailto:hthompson@ruralwireless.org) on or by **September 18, 2015 at 3 PM Eastern.**

# 2015 RWA Election Information Voting (Carrier) Director Candidates



## Biographies



### **Michael Candelaria**

#### **General Manager Mid-Rivers Wireless**

#### **Circle, Montana**

Michael Candelaria is the General Manager of Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc., in Circle, Montana. He has more than two decades of experience in wireless technologies, including GSM, CDMA, UMTS and LTE. He has designed and deployed wireless services in the most rural environments including Alaska, Montana and Wyoming. Michael has also developed business models to support new builds and negotiate roaming and interconnection agreements. He possesses an in-depth knowledge of the challenges associated with maintaining wireless networks in rural communities.

Prior to joining Mid-Rivers, Michael worked for Adak Eagle Enterprises and Alltel. He also spent nine years in the Navy as a radio communications technician and holds an associate's degree in electronics technology.



### **Jim Croal**

#### **Chief Technology Officer Limitless Mobile, LLC**

#### **Harrisburg, Pennsylvania**

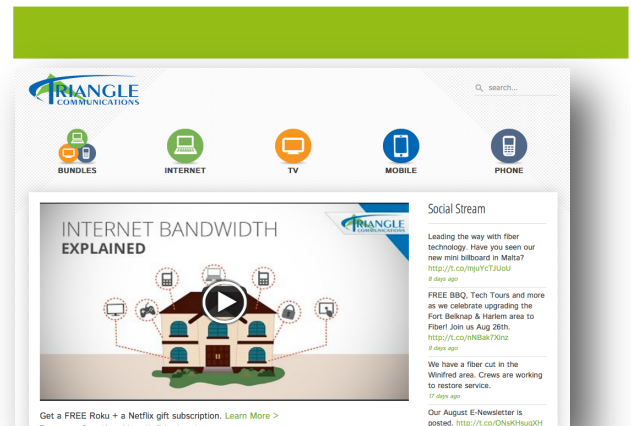
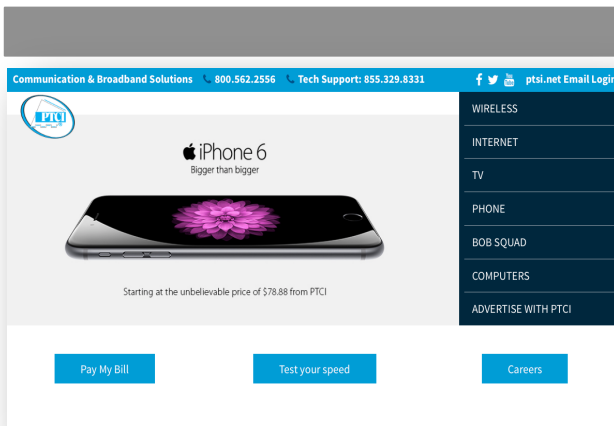
Jim Croal is the Chief Technology Officer and co-founder of Limitless Mobile, LLC, an MNO in rural PA and an MVNE in the UK, the Nordics and Poland. Jim is responsible for the design and deployment of a new Ericsson LTE & WCDMA network in rural PA as well as the MVNE network in the UK.

Prior to co-founding Limitless Mobile, Jim acted as the technical architect for numerous other MVNOs in Europe. He also previously worked for Vodafone, Orange Personal Communications Ltd (now EE), Tekelek (now Oracle) and Inet Technologies (now Tecktronix). Jim also has extensive experience in telecom security, providing technical consultancy and guidance to governments and security agencies. He began his telephony career in 1994 while serving in the British Army.

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### **Shawn Hanson (Incumbent)**

#### **General Manager & CEO PTSI (Panhandle Telecommunications Systems, Inc.)**

#### **Guymon, Oklahoma**

Shawn Hanson has served as the General Manager and CEO of Panhandle Telephone Cooperative, Inc. since 2013. He has also served on the RWA board for nearly three years, and served as Treasurer during the 2015 fiscal year.

Shawn has worked in the telecommunications industry for 36+ years, getting his start at Northwestern Bell/US WEST. After his time with US WEST, Shawn joined a small group of partners to start Competitive Local Exchange Carriers (CLECs). He has also worked at McLeod USA, Nemont Telephone Cooperative, and American Broadband.

Shawn graduated from the University of Northern Iowa with a major in economics; he also carries a master's degree in business from Creighton University.

### **Timothy H. Nixdorf**

#### **Wireless Operations Manager Triangle Communications**

#### **Havre, Montana**

Tim Nixdorf is the Wireless Operations Manager at Triangle Communications. He has more than 20 years of experience in the telecommunications industry, with the majority of that time focused on the wireless industry.

Tim has been part of the management teams at two rural wireless companies and helped to lead their wireless operations. His direct responsibilities have included regulatory compliance, network design and management, product development, sales, customer service and billing.