

## Candidate Statements for 2020 Maryland Council Representative

Candidate: Curtis Harpold

Candidate Residence: Rockville

Candidate Status: Incumbent

### **Why are you interested in serving in a NARP/RPA Leadership Position?**

I have been a regular rail traveler since 1976. First, for trips between home near Charleston West Virginia and college in Baltimore Maryland, then commuting between Baltimore and Washington DC while in college. After that, many business trips on the Northeast Corridor for my day job, as well as on the Auto Train to transport students and equipment for SCUBA courses in central Florida. In addition, I have had the pleasure of spending three summers traveling by British Rail through England, Scotland, and Wales.

My desire is to see American passenger rail restored to the leading position it once had, while embracing 21st century technologies.

### **If elected to a Council position, what are the primary goals you personally would pursue?**

In addition to the above, I am the current Council Mid-Atlantic Division Leader, as well as a founder of the Maryland RPA.

I would also like to promote bidirectional and more frequent service, as well as weekend service, on the MARC Brunswick Line (and similar lines in other parts of the country).

### **What is your passenger rail advocacy experience?**

I have been a Council Representative for four years, am currently acting as the Council's Mid-Atlantic Division Leader, and have been actively working as a Founder and Board Member of the Maryland RPA. In addition to attending all Spring and Fall Business Meetings, and Mid-Atlantic Division and Maryland RPA calls, I have had additional meetings with my Congressman, Senators, and State officials.

I have also actively recruited members during rail trips and any time that travel comes up in conversation.