

Jennifer (Jenni) Gottwald

Candidate for Secretary



Thank you for considering me as Secretary for EAA Corben Chapter 93. As a non-pilot, I may be a bit of an unusual candidate. In my years of involvement in the chapter, I've always felt welcomed and accepted, but more in the role of a helper than a leader. I'm running now because I feel the strength of the chapter is in the engagement of the members, and I believe I can represent all of our members (and their families.)

My dad loved aviation, always relishing the opportunity to be a passenger in DNR airplanes, as well as pointing out every plane in the sky while driving near airports (sometimes forgetting the cars on the road.) A roommate in grad school was a pilot, and we chose as a third roommate another pilot, my now husband David Sherlock. Through David I've really embraced the recreational aviation culture and community. With David's recent career change to flight instructor, aviation has become even more important to us. I have been an EAA member and active in the chapter for over 20 years, most visibly helping to plan and run nearly all of the pancake breakfasts since their inception.

If elected, I would strive to work collaboratively on the board to serve the membership and its interests. We have so many varied and wonderful members – hearing from more of them, connecting them to each other, and engaging them in the chapter offerings are all good challenges/opportunities. As Chapter Secretary I would reliably perform the duties of record keeping and chapter notices. I pledge transparency – the more we know about each other and the chapter, the stronger community we build.

David and I live in Mt. Horeb. I'm trained as a molecular biologist and have worked in licensing patents at WARF for over 20 years. I currently serve on the board of the WiSys Technology Foundation, and I've served on other boards, including AUTM (professional association) and Trillium Grocery Coop.

I want to thank the chapter leadership that brought us through the past several years. I hope to build on their legacy.