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VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP & CULTURAL PRESERVATION

Through decades of leadership on charitable boards and in the fiddling community, I have seen firsthand how vital it is to volunteer and sustain traditions that enrich our culture. Serving as a founder and leader of national and state fiddle championships, as well as supporting educational and nonprofit organizations, has allowed me to help preserve fiddling as an art form while inspiring new generations of musicians. I believe volunteering is not only about giving back but also about ensuring that the arts and cultural heritage remain vibrant, relevant, and enduring for future generations.

CHARITIES AND BOARDS

- **Former President, Board member, and Co-Founder, the International Association of Microsoft Channel Partners (IAMCP) Tennessee Chapter**
  A global non-profit organization dedicated to helping Microsoft partners maximize their business potential through collaboration, education, and advocacy.
- **Co-Founder, Executive VP, Chief Operating Officer, Vice-Chairman of the Board, Grand Master Fiddler Championship, Inc**.
  A Tennessee non-profit and U.S. IRS 501(c)(3) charitable corporation, formed to educate about and perpetuate fiddling as an art form and cultural treasure. Founded, designed, and currently direct the annual event and competition.
- **CEO, Co-Chairman, Co-Founder, Twin Lakes National Fiddler Championship**
  A Kentucky nonprofit corporation and one of the premier fiddle and music competitions in the entire Southeastern U.S. Started, Designed, and currently Direct the annual event.
- **Contest Director, Kentucky State Fiddle Championship**
  Started, Designed, and currently Direct the annual Kentucky State Fiddle Championship competition, with 13 state championship titles on behalf of the Bluegrass Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum in Owensboro, KY.
- **Director of Technology, Texas Old Time Fiddlers Association**
  Coordinate technology, social media, and Microsoft 365 resources; previously served on the board.
- **Fiddle Committee Board Member, Athens State University Foundation, Inc.**
  Help operate the annual Tennessee Valley Old Time Fiddlers Convention for an Alabama non-profit and U.S. IRS 501(c)(3) charitable corporation, and provide additional expertise as technology advisor, contest operations advisor, and chief Contest Fiddle judge.

HONORS EARNED

- **Kentucky Colonel** - Highest title of honor bestowed by the Governor of Kentucky, in recognition of a person's significant accomplishments and outstanding service to community, state, and nation.
- **National Qualified Fiddle Judge** - National Oldtime Fiddlers, Inc.
- **Runner-Up** - Grand Master Fiddler Champion
- **Runner-Up** - US Grand National Men's Fiddler Champion
- **State Fiddle Champion** - Alabama, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee
- **Regional Fiddle Champion -** Mid-America Fiddler Championship (five times)