

Alex Land

Elected by the General Membership

Alex Land was born in San Jose in 1970 and graduated from Clear Lake High School in 1988. He had several interests that would become foundational to his future, including programming his Commodore 64 computer, playing baseball, and learning to play several instruments. After graduating high school and attaining a 2-year college degree, Alex worked primarily in the music trades as a performing musician, piano teacher, in sales, and at a guitar accessory company located in Sonoma County. It was at this job where Alex was introduced to database management systems, rekindling an old interest and aptitude for programming computers. This led him to re-enter college and attain a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science from Sonoma State University in the spring of 2001.

Before completing his C.S. degree, Alex was fortunate enough to be offered an internship at Agilent Technologies that quickly turned into a full-time position as a software engineer. This position lasted for several years; however, the business unit fell victim to the dot-com bubble, and as demand for networking infrastructure bottomed, Alex found himself unemployed. I.T. positions were hard to come by during this time, however Alex was lucky to land a job at the County of Mendocino in the Spring of 2003. Initially this position was expected to be a 3-month assignment, however 20 years later Alex is still employed by the County of Mendocino.

At the county, Alex has worked exclusively in the I.T. department, initially as a PC tech, moving rapidly to the development side of the shop and then in 2007 into Management. During this time, Alex continued to perform in a band that found itself in demand. The group became the de-facto house band at Konocti Harbor Inn in Lake County during the first decade of 2000. This led to several opportunities to open for some of the headliners that had tour stops at the resort, including Aerosmith, Kiss, Daughtry, Alice in Chains, and at least a dozen others. Alex got married to his wife Jackie in 2019 and they currently live in Redwood Valley, where they enjoy time with their 4 adult sons and two grandchildren. Avid travelers, Alex and Jackie make sure to plan several exciting vacations a year and as many smaller excursions as time and money permit.