

Matt JACOBSON for GOVERNOR

Matt Jacobson – Speaker’s Biography

Our speaker today is Matt Jacobson.

Matt Jacobson is President and Chief Executive Officer of Maine & Company. Maine & Company is the only organization dedicated exclusively to business attraction and job creation in Maine. As its chief executive, Matt develops and executes business attraction and expansion strategies with businesses, state and local authorities and other stakeholders.

Prior to returning to Maine and joining Maine & Company, Matt was most recently Assistant Vice President, Sales and Marketing, at Canadian National Railways, based in Chicago, Ill. In his various roles at CN from 2000 - 2005, Matt was responsible for International and North America Intermodal sales and marketing, and a revenue budget of \$1.1 billion

From 1996 -2000, Matt lived in Maine when he was President and Chief Operating Officer of the St. Lawrence & Atlantic Railroad, headquartered in Auburn, Maine. During his four-year tenure, the railroad tripled its revenue, increasing corporate earnings by 65%. The railroad also attracted 23 new businesses to its line. Additionally, Matt and the Railroad made these accomplishments under the regulatory regimes of two Federal Governments, a Provincial government, three different state governments, and a workforce represented by 5 US-based unions and 5 Canadian-based unions.

From 1991 to 1996, Matt worked for the CSX railroad company in various executive capacities. During that time, he was stationed in Jacksonville, FL, Pittsburgh, PA, and in Boston, MA (with CSX subsidiary SeaLand Service).

Matt is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy (1984) and holds an MBA from Chapman University (1992). He was a pilot in the U.S. Air Force, serving in Europe, Africa and the Middle East. In addition to being an aircraft commander, he was an instructor and evaluator pilot. Matt served in the Air Force on active duty until 1991 and in the reserves until his honorable discharge in 2000.

When it came time to choose a permanent home with his family, Matt returned to Maine. Matt is married to Dr. Kenedy Kathryn McQuillen. Matt and Kate were married in Boothbay Harbor. A graduate of Bowdoin College and the University of Vermont Medical School, Dr. McQuillen is an emergency room physician at Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston. Matt and Kate reside in Cumberland and have two children, Hank and Maggie.

Matt serves on the Board of Trustees of The Park Danforth, the Board of Directors of the Portland Community Chamber and the Maine Biotech Association, and the Board of Advisors of Catch a Piece of Maine and The Maine Heritage Policy Center.

Matt is a Republican candidate seeking to be elected as Maine’s next Governor in 2010.

Please welcome Matt Jacobson.