

Candidate Statement for Phil Farrell

My name is Phil Farrell and I am asking for your vote to serve as your regional representative. I have been a homebrewer for 25 years and judged beer in the BJCP for a decade. My travels have taken me around the world to judge, help with exams, and work as competition staff. The foundation of the BJCP is the membership and the spirit of volunteerism. If elected I will continue to represent the wishes of the membership first and foremost as well as advance the BJCP as a worldwide standard of judging and education.

Personal experience is always beneficial however we are all a sum total of the parts of the people we judge with. I learn something every time I judge and sharing experiences is the way we all get better together. I stand where I am today due to the dedication and generosity of a thousand brewers and judges who guided me along the path. I want to continue to give back even though I will only partially repay those who gave so much to me. I am heavily involved in my local area and region representing the interests of the membership and participating at every level of judging and education. I have volunteered for every level of BJCP activity from being the South Regional Representative to being a lead exam grader. I have organized the first round of NHC three times while serving as your regional rep. I mentor new graders and lead exam preparation courses. I administer exams and proctor other judge's exams. I take great pride working with new judges whether in an educational or contest environment always striving to make it as enjoyable an experience as others made it for me.

I believe we make a difference and influence others every time we go out to judge. I owe it to everyone who helped me out along the way to contribute at every opportunity to make the BJCP a better organization. The exam format was changed and numerous countries held their first exams during my last term. I want to continue that trajectory of improvement and expansion while serving the desires of the membership first and foremost.

I would appreciate the honor of being your representative for another term because I feel I can ensure your voice is heard. I want the BJCP to keep improving and serve its growing membership in a way that reflects its size and strength. I will do everything I can to ensure the BJCP will continue to be the leader in judge training and education. I feel I have the ability to execute the BOD plans to the highest standard while ensuring we remain a member driven volunteer organization. I think I have the best mix of judging, grading, travel, organizational and people skills of all the candidates in my region. Thank you for the opportunity to serve, the chance to speak to you with this statement, and please consider me when you vote.

