

Candidate Statement for Travis Hammond

Who am I?

I grew up southwest of Philadelphia and graduated from the Colorado School of Mines with a BS in geological engineering. I moved to San Diego in 2001 where currently live with my wife, three dogs, two cats, and seven chickens.

Professionally, I am a Senior Project Manager at an environmental consulting firm.

What are my beer qualifications?

I started brewing in 1994 while living in Boulder, Colorado and my obsession with brewing really exploded in 2007 when I moved into a house with a two-car brewery and an understanding wife (to be).

Brewing mania led me to join the BJCP in early 2009 and I became a National level judge in August 2011 and a Mead Judge in February 2013.

My BJCP activities include:

- Organizing monthly BJCP continuing education meetings to introduce new people to judging and to share knowledge and keep existing BJCP learning.
- Participating in the Online Entrance Exam committee.
- Grading exams and serving as an Exam Administrator for seven exams (87 total judges) and review classes.

As a brewer, I won QUAFF's "Homebrewer of the Year" Award in 2011 and 2013. I served on the 2011 NHC San Diego local organizing committee, launching the idea of a poster session to give more people an opportunity to present at NHC.

Why do I want to join the BJCP Board?

I would like to **help the BJCP focus on providing more value to our members** and removing roadblocks that frustrate judges and competition brewers. I will bring my **enthusiasm, dedication, and new ideas** to the Board. I know that it will be hard work, but I have found that by giving to our hobby, we receive more in return.

What do I plan to accomplish?

As the West Regional Representative, **I want to hear from Californian and Hawaiian judges** regularly. Having spoken with many members over the past few months, the improvements I believe the BJCP should focus on over the next three years include:

- **Clarify expectations for the various judging ranks and develop Exam Grader Training around these expectations.** The path to advancement should be well defined, clear, consistent, and achievable. Graders should be trained in the expectations for various judging ranks by reviewing BJCP-approved examples of various levels of exam responses.

- **More proactive communication with our members to inform them about projects being worked on and how they get involved or propose their own ideas.** We should make the list of high priority projects available for members to review in an online document with contacts, major milestones, and current status. We should also invite members to participate in Committee/Board meetings via the web.
- **Recruit additional talented and energetic members to lead** and contribute to the improvement efforts they are passionate about. Many hands make light work.

I would be honored to serve as the West Regional Representative and to help make the BJCP a better organization for our members. I look forward to hearing from you.

