



BJCP Mountain/Northwest Region Representative Candidate Statement for:

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Hi, I'm John Haven, I'm a National judge and I want to be your Regional Representative and a board member. I believe BJCP needs to be refreshed – and I think I can help! I have completed two special projects for Gordon Strong, one has been implemented and the other is being reviewed. I've also volunteered to help Ryan Thomas with his IT modernization initiatives. When I see the current leadership with so many different jobs, I'm concerned and wonder if they are just taking the jobs because they can't find additional volunteers – so I'm volunteering – and I hope to take some of the load off of them. We need more transparency – too much still appears to happen behind the scenes; more opportunities for volunteers; to update some of the great but outdated material we have; to communicate more and take advantage of some social media channels; to be more responsive to member concerns and respond to them quicker. We have a great organization – it has given me great joy and I want to give back where I think I can help.

If elected, I hope to partner with the other regional representatives to uncover the great assets in their areas and promote synergy to refresh much of the older BJCP resource material. I want individuals and clubs to share – recipes, lessons learned, best practices, etc.; I want to hear your concerns and work to get them resolved; I want to see more feedback -- I plan to write a quarterly newsletter and hope there

is something to say. I want to get judges excited about judging again – competitions are finding it hard to get judges; I want members to be excited about entering beers in competitions again too!

I'm retired, a 38 year USAF veteran; as a retiree, I have the time to volunteer and I'm always looking for ways to help BJCP or others -- which also helps me learn more about beer; I've been a certified project manager for over 12 years; lived in Germany for a total of 6 years; visited 16 countries; learned about beer/beer styles in each of them; have been brewing since 2011; have attended the last four Homebrew Cons and I'll be in Providence this year; have judged in or organized over 100 competitions; have been an exam proctor; have sponsored/co-administered three tasting exams; my fourth exam is this July; have either lead or taught in four Beer Judge Training & Study Programs; conduct monthly continuing education training for area judges; was the Vice President of our homebrew club for two years and the Treasurer for two more; have graded over 100 exams. I'm involved with the local beer community too. I joined the All Colorado Beer Festival planning committee in 2012; introduced BJCP judging; partnered with other committee members -- we doubled the size of the festival; raised \$426,500 over seven years for local charities. I volunteer in local beer festivals and organize judging in a neighboring town. I keep beery busy!