



BJCP North Region Representative Candidate Statement for:

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First, I'd like to thank everyone who voted for me 3 years ago as my first term as a BJCP Rep has been very rewarding. It's been an honor to meet and represent so many passionate judges. I look forward to the opportunity to represent the North region again.

I believe the 2 most important aspects of being a BJCP rep are being available to support the needs of the North region members, and represent them as a director. Besides the judging in WI and regular trips to MN, I had was able to make trips to MI, Alaska, and Canada to meet as many of the judges I represent as possible. I plan to not only continue this the travelling, but increase the travelling I do to make more frequent visits to some locations and eventually visit other areas I haven't made it to yet.

In order to represent the North Region I stay active with board email discussions. I also attend the AHA homebrew conference every year attending the BJCP meetings and other events. This ensures the North Region has a voice in all discussions and votes, plus allows me to be informed about activities happening within the BJCP to answer questions members may have.

Background:

- Homebrewer since 1997

- Member of Beer Barons of Milwaukee, former treasurer for 2 years overseeing an annual budget during that time of approx. \$100,000. I have also joined or followed on Facebook other clubs in the region to keep up with their activities.
- BJCP judges since 2008 with current rank of Grand Master V and Mead certification.
- Previously held BJCP positions of Exam Director, and Associate Exam Director.
- Have presented at the National Homebrew Conference several times. Led a grader training session at a BJCP event during an NHC and supported another NHC grader training by representing the exam director's evaluation of example grading results.
- Have been annual co-organizer and/or judging director for 6 different competitions that range in size from less than 100 to over 800 entries with several incorporating professional ramp-up awards and vary from allowing all BJCP styles to limited categories. Twice organized the 1st Round NHC in Milwaukee.
- Involved and lead Milwaukee area BJCP training sessions since 2010 giving 2 tasting exams per year to build local judging pool, and help judges advance in rank by creating a program that develops high level judges.

As you can see, I am active with many aspects of the BJCP providing me experience and knowledge in order to support the various requests you may have as a BCJP member. I put in effort to get to know as many judges throughout the region as possible, and understanding the various needs different geographic areas have. And finally I do my best to represent the needs of members at the annual BJCP meetings, and throughout the year.