



BJCP Northeast Region Representative Candidate Statement for:

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I'm Ali Kocho-Williams, a Master judge living in Northern New York having moved from the UK in summer 2018. I have served the BJCP as Regional Representative for the Northeast (2013-2016) and as Assistant Representative for Europe (2016-). I was one of the first BJCP judges in Europe and have been actively involved in growing the program in Europe and beyond and in my time as a judge the BJCP has become increasingly international. As Representative I would work to support judges in what is the most diverse region in terms of nationalities and languages for the BJCP, and seek to explore options for areas of BJCP activity outside of North America to transition towards being addressed as their own regions in order to properly reflect the diversity of judges. This, though, does not mean a neglect of those I would represent in North America, and I would seek to support judges in the Northeastern US and Canada, and look for avenues to build stronger links between global program participants and find ways of supporting judges and members in a range of settings.

As a truly international candidate, I can offer a unique set of skills and experiences developed both within the BJCP and outside of it. I believe that I am experienced as a Representative, and have the experience of coming from a region where the BJCP has undergone rapid development and expansion and where I played a role in that and

consequently am well suited to work with judges from different parts of the world and use my contacts to assist and aid with development and the support of judges. I would seek to work with local coordinators to further the work of the BJCP around the world, and to support initiative such as the translation of guidelines and scoresheets into non-English languages, to aid with the development of judges in areas where the BJCP has limited presence, and to support judges and program members where there are significant concentrations as well. I want to see an inclusive and dynamic BJCP that is able to pursue its mission, grow, and continue to do the excellent work that the membership is committed to.