



BJCP Northeast Region Representative Candidate Statement for:

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The Northeast region is the largest and most diverse territory of the BJCP. This territory requires a person who is both committed and capable. Through my active involvement in the organization and experience as a beer judge, I believe I have the necessary qualifications to best serve our region.

Qualifications:

- Certifications: I have scored in every exam scoring band, from Apprentice to Master, on my multiple BJCP exams and am very proud of it.
 - Grandmaster Beer Judge
 - Certified Mead Judge
 - Advanced Cicerone.

- BJCP Experience:
 - Assistant Communications Director for the BJCP. I assist in organizing the BJCP Newsletter and have contributed numerous articles. Including articles on [judging mead](#), [American Wild Ales](#), and [the role of retro nasal reception in evaluating beer](#).

- Active lead grader, currently closing up on my second Grandmaster Service Requirement. Assisted with numerous exams (over 16) in all formats for the Northeast.
- Governing experience:
 - Current member of the Home Governing Committee for the American Mead Makers Association.
 - Current education director and former President of the Long Island Beer and Malt Enthusiasts, one of the country's larger craft beverage appreciation clubs.
- Community:
 - Organized multiple guest speakers and events in conjunction with the Brewers Publications featuring such authors as: Gordon Strong, Stan Hieronymus, Michael Tonsmeire, and John Palmer.
 - [Webinar: Maximizing your tasting Exam Score](#) for the BJCP National Study Group.
 - Trained and run multiple judge prep classes for the region.
 - Helped orchestrate an exclusive BJCP event during NHC 2016 on cider featuring Millstone Cellars.
 - NHC Judge Coordinator for New York region from 2018 to present.
 - Organizer and judge coordinator for The LIBME Annual Mead Competition for the past 8 years.
 - Frequent content contributor to Zymurgy Magazine.
- Education:
 - 15 years' experience as an educator with a Master's Degree and New York State Certification.
 - Attended numerous seminars and advanced training in preparing for the Advanced Cicerone exam and BJCP written and tasting exam.

Goals as Northeast Representative:

- **Creating individual international regions, separate from the Northeast region.**
 - Under The BJCP bylaws, it is time to reassess the composition of the Northeast region. The international membership has grown substantially in the past few years and deserve the ability to elect more localized representation. I will actively work to achieve this with the advice and suggestions of the international membership.
- **Growing the number of National and Master ranked judges.**
 - Creating an alternative path to master rank through experience and GMSR
 - Expanding the time for the written exam.
 - GMSR credit for running Continuing Education classes and programs.
- **Expanding education.**

- Hosting webinars and creating content for the BJCP YouTube Channel.
- More multimedia with exam training resources
- Scoresheet analysis content in the newsletter.
- Creation of a scoring guide for the written exam.

- **Increase membership involvement in decision and policy making.**
 - Formalize a process for member proposals
 - Voter referendums on certain BJCP policy changes.

- **Explore membership benefits and discounts from online retailers.**

I am experienced and motivated enough to implement these initiatives but offer a fresh enough perspective to recognize what can be improved within the organization.