

2015 PDGA State/Province Coordinator Candidate Statements

Alabama – Ben Swam #52875

24 years in the print and mail industry with a strong background in Customer Service and Account Management. I have been playing for 3 ½ years, have served on the board of my local club for 2 ½ of those years, have run several tournaments in that time and have been a PDGA member since 2012.

Disc Golf Birmingham – Treasurer – 2013 to 2015
Vice President – 2015 to Present

I am interested in fulfilling the duties of the state coordinator for Alabama. I believe that my organizational skills, obtained through my management experience, will allow me to handle the scheduling of tournaments throughout our state. I am also very interested in promoting disc golf to children and teenagers through outreach programs. They are the future of whatever our sport will become. I will work diligently to grow our sport and provide the best service possible to Tournament Directors throughout Alabama.

Alberta – Ron Falconer #23419

I have designed or helped to design several courses. Been actively playing for about 25 years, also I have been to worlds three times.

Arkansas – Doug Trantham #39739

BS in Education - Teacher
I have been teaching for 7 years now Health and Physical Education and Physical Science.

I started playing disc golf in 2003 and began hosting events in 2009. I became our club president and started promoting disc golf heavily in 2008 to present. I'm currently the State Coordinator of Arkansas and have been promoting Disc Golf and the PDGA successfully here in my state. Since I became coordinator, I have help many cities grow the sport through events, promotions, and endowment programs provided in conjunction with the PDGA programs. In 2014-2015, I have been able to provide a discounted rated for our non-PDGA members to play disc golf in their area where events are no been organized. A large majority of these players have purchased new memberships and my own son became a new PDGA member for the 2015 season, where he will compete in his first event.

I look forward in continuing my state PDGA Coordinator position where I plan to increase our PDGA memberships, promotions, endowments programs to other parts of our state and continue the success we have had within the state. My goal is to bring more youth to our disc golf community with a few Boys and Girls Club programs that are in the works. I would appreciate your vote this year to continue my terms as coordinator and achieve the desired growth of the PDGA.

Armed Forces Overseas (APO) – No declared candidates

California (North) - Jennifer Knisley #13273

Hello, my name is Jenny Knisley your current PDGA Northern California State Representative and I am running for re-election for the upcoming two year term.

I remember when a large part of the public had no idea there was a sport called disc golf. One of my primary tasks over the years has been to help change that. Organization of disc golf tournaments, events and schedules has been a significant part of my life. Over the years, I have developed an active working relationship with the PDGA which helps me communicate the desires of our Northern California Disc Golf Players.

In my day job I am the executive director of the Loomis Basin Chamber of Commerce, I attend council meetings, organize events, listen to the community and find ways to support membership. I feel these are skills that assist in my position as a state coordinator. I am constantly updating my abilities and finding ways to increase awareness of our sport which is a priority for me. I am enrolled in the Institute for Organizational Management a professional development program of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation. I am active in other professional organizations such as Soroptimist International where I serve as the Sierra Nevada Regional Finance Chair.

It is important that we develop and maintain consistent standards and integrity for the future of the sport and the association. One of the main goals of a PDGA representative is to provide support to players, clubs, and tournament directors, schedule disc golf events, and represent the PDGA in a positive and professional manner. My goal is to continue looking for ways to enhance the sport through events, park and recreation meetings, media, and social media. Vote for Jenny!

Executive Director – Loomis Basin Chamber of Commerce – 2009 - Current
Human Resource Bookkeeper -Final 9 Sports Disc Golf Pro Shop -1999-Current
Owner- Bookkeeper - Camelot Costumes - 1996- 213
US Bank 1989-1997 – Closer & Clerk – Mortgage, Consumer and Commercial loans

PDGA Marshall Pro Worlds 2011, 2014, Amateur Words 2012, 2013
Assistant Tournament Director – PDGA NT Tahoe King of the Lake 2011
Tournament Director – NorCal Series Championships 2008-Current
Tournament Director – St. Patrick’s Classic Pro & Am - PDGA A tier events - 1998-Current
Tournament Director – Gold Pan - Western States Championships - 2006-2013
Tournament Director – Soroptimist International Loomis Basin – Charity tournament 2005-Current

NorCal Series Disc Golf Board President - Current
Soroptimist Sierra Nevada Regional Finance Coordinator 2014-Current
Park, Recreation & Open Space Committee – Town of Loomis – 2009-2012
Senior Life Center Board President – Current
Soroptimist International Rocklin Loomis - President 2000-2001 & 2011-2012, President Elect, Assistant Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Delegate, Director
Past Shady Oaks Disc Golf Club President Elect & Treasurer

YouTube Introduction Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rg-haXYtg8Y&feature=youtu.be>

Colorado – Scott Osterhoudt #29703

My personal life and career have benefited from working with so many thoughtful and caring people who love disc golf. That includes clubs and their members; event promoters; sponsors; retailers; and city, county, and state staff members. I feel blessed and I am grateful to have been introduced into this great sport.

In 1988 I played my first round of disc golf at a youth summer camp in Columbia County, Georgia—I was *hooked!* The camp counselors set up an object course and we used catch Frisbees...I was a natural and won the tournament. I began to play disc golf in and around Augusta where I met some of the greats in our sport and learned what the sport was truly about. I learned that giving back by volunteering was equally as rewarding as winning a tournament, if not greater. I moved to Jacksonville, Florida and got immersed in the local disc golf scene. I saw an opportunity to capitalize on the enthusiasm and passion for the sport and I began working with the leadership to help craft the direction of the local scene to a unified goal.

Deeply involved in the Jacksonville scene, I was one of five founding board members for the River City Disc Golf Association. Over the next several years I worked with fellow board members, volunteers, and sponsors to elevate the sport locally. I was able to positively advocate and bring a spotlight to the sport through donations to local charities. Additionally, I was part of the team that created the Jacksonville Open Disc Golf tournament that has risen from a C-tier to one of the best A-tier tournaments in the state, which is now considered a “must-play” event. In April of 2015 I returned to Jacksonville to play in the 10th Anniversary tournament and to reconnect with so many of the friends I made while involved with the local scene. My next move? Denver, Colorado! After settling in this beautiful state I once again began looking for ways to get involved with the local

disc golf community. I began volunteering with the Mile High Disc Golf Club, which has been one of the more rewarding aspects of my time here. My club volunteer activities have included:

Volunteering every year for the Rocky Mountain Woman's Disc Golf tournament where I have served as a caddy, as well as cooked and served lunches for players and caddies.

Partnering with a great team of volunteers, event coordinators, and sponsors that have helped raise over \$100k in Ice Bowl donations by managing fundraising tournaments and events, such as chili cook-offs.

Designing new and challenging course layouts at Caminish Park for the Annual 303 Open, where I have also served as Tournament Director, Co-Tournament Director, and/or volunteer every year since its inception.

I've been committed to helping the sport grow in numbers as well as on the world stage since my first year playing. I feel my efforts will have the biggest impact at the local level which is why I have decided to run for PDGA State Coordinator. I've been in awe of the level of support from locals and volunteers in every town I've lived. I have learned much in my time running events and hope to pass this info on to local clubs and new tournament directors as well as learn more from those who have led the way before me. It's been a great feeling to be a part of something that so many hold dear to their hearts.

If elected PDGA State Coordinator, First, I would like to thank John Bird, PDGA #387, for serving as our State Coordinator for so many years. I look forward to working with John on transitioning into this role, if I'm lucky enough to be elected, and building upon the excellent work he has done on behalf of our sport to-date.

My goal is to facilitate the organization of local clubs throughout the great state of Colorado. I feel that the greatest opportunity and the greatest challenge of this role is the organization of local clubs on a state level.

I would like to meet with Colorado disc golf clubs board of directors, as well as members to see how we can improve this sport as a collective group. I feel strongly that communication is the key in any relationship, so I will make myself available for questions, discussions, and ideas.

I am overjoyed to see so many women's-only tournaments and tournaments that are aimed at engaging youth at an early age—I hope that as a group we can find a way to have even more!

My dream is to have a Colorado State series where local clubs/tournaments want to be a part of. With a Colorado State series, Colorado can hold a crowning event or have a series payout each year. I would also like to define the process of choosing the USDGC state representative each year to allow the entire state to be able to compete for the coveted state spot. I hope to assist tournament directors and volunteers in their efforts to grow the sport.

Ultimately, my commitment to you is to serve as an advocate for our sport and to local clubs, players, and tournament directors.

We are blessed to have so many dedicated clubs and volunteers in this state and I am humbled to be given the opportunity to represent and assist these clubs and individuals.

Thank You For Your Consideration

Colorado – Eddie Wooters #55521

My name is Eddie Wooters, and I would like to formally volunteer my passion for all things disc golf to the position of PDGA State Coordinator for Colorado. I began playing disc golf later in life, but found my true passion soon after my first throw!

I, along with some incredibly spirited and talented friends, decided to start the disc golf organization known as Throw Colorado. The mission of this organization is to concentrate the great following of the sport within this state toward having more, better, and bigger events. I have helped with disc golf course construction from design to renovation to build. I am also a tag holding member of almost every club in Colorado. If I am elected as your State Coordinator my goals are focused on improving participation and availability for everyone.

Events -

Our sport is growing very rapidly. I want to alleviate the issues with tournament registration by:

- Setting the event schedule earlier, most of the long-running events in the state are on nearly the same date every year. This allows for other sanctioned events in different parts of the state to be set up to increase the availability for all players to compete no matter their ability to travel.
- Have a standard “60 to 90 days before” deadline for online registration to start for all Colorado sanctioned events. I will work with all clubs and tournaments across the state to offer secondary sites for main events.
- Select a specific day and time for tournament registration in PDGA sanctioned events in the state so all players will know what day to register without confusion.
- Operate fundraisers for charities and other PDGA sanctioned event opportunities for players to participate for ratings and prizes when the most popular events fill up.

Courses –

- Improve and maintain the existing courses in Colorado by inspiring local clubs to pair with city and state agencies, as well as other organizations, to build community buy-in and responsibility for the courses and parks.
- Build new courses by leveraging business contacts and fundraising events while providing design and construction support.
- Adopt-a-Course program support for all clubs statewide.

Growth

- I have many strong contacts and relationships inside the business community, media, and disc golf equipment manufacturing and sales industry from my years of operating tournaments. I will leverage those contacts to improve everything disc golf in Colorado.
- Make disc golf the game of middle America
- Put disc golf educational programs in Colorado schools for an early childhood introduction to the game

Delaware – Jimi McIlvain #13003

I own my own landscaping company and have been the Treasurer of the Delaware Disc Golfers for 14 years. I have been playing Disc Golf since the Spring of 97. I have been an active member of the PDGA since 1998. I turned Pro in 2000 and became a TD the same year. I have run numerous monthlies and PDGA events since then. I have run between 1 and 5 PDGA events every year since becoming an official including our States A-tier. I have also been a course Pro at 3 different courses and helped design and install two courses, Trap Pond and Iron Hill. I have been the Treasurer of our club since 2001 and have spear-headed campaigns for new baskets at 3 courses and the installation of 3 more. I took over as the PDGA State Coordinator last year and have enjoyed working with the surrounding State Coordinators as well as the local TD's in my State and nearby states.

Georgia – Gabriel Foster #46677

Customer Service Representative for 19+ years, Management experience for 5+ years

Active disc golfer for the past six years. PDGA member since 2011. Participated in Major events, A,B,C tiers as well as doubles events. PDGA official certified. Tournament Director for the first time this year and have two more events planned this year.

Georgia – Courtney McCoy #18835

Self Employed - Professional Photography Prop creator. I have owned and managed my own business for 7+ years. I specialize in customer service and business organization skills.

I've played disc golf since 1997. PDGA member since 2001. Professional player since 2001. Placed in the top 4 at World's 3 times. 37 Career Wins.

Idaho – Brandon Merzlock

I started playing disc golf in Grafton, Wisconsin in 1998 and immediately fell in love with the game. I am originally from Idaho and when I moved back to Idaho in 1999 I continued to play and immediately became engaged in disc golf growth including the local club (PVDGC), courses, and tournaments.

I have been involved in a leadership position, either President or Board member, in 4 different clubs growing participation, financial stability, competition, and cooperation with local government entities. I have been involved with disc golf growth pertaining to course development as I have logged over 2500 volunteer hours in course design, installation, and improvements. I have been involved in course proposal, design, or installation of 28 regional courses.

I have been immersed in supporting competitive play in and outside the PDGA as I have personally directed over 80 events (PDGA and Non). I am running my 2nd PDGA league this year and 18th league ever. I have been a certified official and a PDGA member since 2004. Last year I received my 10 year member tag. I have also played in 53 PDGA events and helped officiate in those events.

To this day, I continue to promote and organize professional disc golf events and play. I am extremely efficient and organized. I know that well organized and ran events will continue to promote fun, eliminate confusion, grow sponsorship, and increase skill. If we aren't having fun then why are we playing? I am confident that I know the responsibilities and rules of PDGA and can use that vast knowledge and experience to grow the sport among these great courses and players we have here in Idaho.

Idaho – Larry Laub, II #37461

I have been in the construction trade for 15 years. I have owned my own concrete company. Currently doing my 4 years apprentice and going back to school to become a journey man.

I have been playing since 2006. I have been the PDGA state coordinator for Idaho the last 2 years. I have been working on getting the pro and am qualifier to rotate and bring more people to the events. I have also been communicating with some people to bring back the snakes river series. I also have been running one of Idaho's largest tourney the Twin Falls Classic for the last 4 years.

Indiana – Matt Travis #29292

United Steel Worker Local 1010
10 years of competitive Disc Golf.

Indiana – Steve Boylan #6542

Currently, I work at FedEx Express nights and Real Estate during the days.

I am an avid weekend warrior representing the state not only as the State Coordinator, but also as a Pro Masters player. Playing in tournaments throughout the country combined with the Indiana area, I've been able to meet key promoters and gain knowledge and ideas that we can use to build up the state.

I've enjoyed my time as the state coordinator, but I feel my job is not done. We are so close to completing the first State Wide Club (IDGE Indiana Disc Golf Expansion), as well as the non-profit designation needed to present to businesses and individuals locally and statewide to help grow the sport.

I look forward to another fruitful term and look forward to seeing my disc golf partners out on the course.

Kansas – Scott Reek #12824

Louisiana – Ryan Niccolini #55907

Louisiana – Kevin Pelton #10356

Self-employed contractor for 17 years
Great people person / natural leader

- PDGA member since 1995
- President, Shreveport Disc Golf Club, 2000-2010
- Board Member, Shreveport/Bossier Disc Golf Union, 2014, 2015
- Southern National Volunteer of the Year, 2009
- Designed and Installed 5 local courses: John M. Ford Park, Highland Park, Earl G. Williams Park, Clyde Fant West 9, and Lake Blistineau State Park
- Tournament Director for 50+ events, 7 PDGA B-tier events

I plan on using all of my experience as a course/tour pro, promoter, and tournament director to bring more PDGA events to La. I will Assist other TD's across the state in running their own pdga events and hopefully add more combined southern national/pdga events to the schedule. I believe my extensive experience as a TD, promoter, and tour player provides me with the skills to bring professionalism and integrity to this position.

Manitoba – Joel Dion #61065

10 years running Hackrifice footbag club and tournaments. 19 years experience in managing and customer relations.

Started bag tags in Winnipeg and run bag tag league and events. Started and run Winter putting league. TD of 2015 Winnipeg Ice Bowl. Assisted in some way in many local tournaments in last 2 years. Negotiated with the City of Winnipeg on maintenance of local courses, including agreement with the city to help plant new trees on courses to replace lost ones and enhance layouts. 6 years playing experience (play almost every day!) Competed in 13 PDGA sanctioned events and 3 times that many unsanctioned tournaments. Have played over 100 courses worldwide. Know most regular local players and all courses in Manitoba well. Currently helping design a new course to go in at LaBarriere park.

I would like to enter my name for candidacy for the PDGA provincial coordinator for Manitoba/Canada.

Anyone who knows me will tell you I eat, breath, live and dream disc golf! I play every chance I get, and when I'm not playing I dedicate a lot of time and energy to help promote and build the sport locally. I think I could do a great job at this position. I have the time, the energy, and the drive. I know the people who play, and the courses in Manitoba as well as anybody, and I want to help continue the growth of the sport here.

The sport has been growing rapidly in Manitoba in the last couple years. We have come a long way in a short time. More courses, more people playing, more exposure. The future is bright for disc golf here and I want to do whatever I can to help that continue.

I have already dedicated a large portion of my life to this sport and will continue to do so regardless.

Thank you for considering me for this position.

Minnesota – Jason Wilder #17523

My name is Jason Wilder (PDGA#17523) and I am applying for the position of PDGA State Coordinator

representing Minnesota.

I have been a PDGA member since 2001, and have played in over 60 PDGA sanctioned tournaments both locally and nationally. One of my greatest disappointments is that I did not pick up the game sooner than I did. This had to do with a number of factors, not the least of which was the fact that it was not a choice for me in any level of school or local community activity offering. This has changed over time with the introduction of the E.D.G.E. program as well as the grass roots growth of the sport (more people putting on clinics etc). We have also seen rapid growth at the collegiate level with the development of the National Collegiate Championships.

In the state of Minnesota, there has been a modest effort at developing a State High School Championship, and I would like to not only contribute to the growth and legitimacy of that event within Minnesota, I would like to work with other state coordinators to develop a model that can be adopted nationally. I believe the organized promotion of the sport at that age level is in its early stages and I would like to see that grow. Above and beyond the existing duties of a state coordinator, this would be my #1 goal.

Thanks in advance,

YouTube Introduction Video: <https://youtu.be/iQBBmnM6E7Q>

Missouri – Mike Porter #30408

Nebraska - Andrew Chisholm #19311

Occupation: Multimedia Technologist, Social Media Administrator & Web Administrator

Course designer, designed or co-designed over 20 courses beginning with Skyview Park in Norfolk.

First played in 1996, began as administrator of nebdisc.com in 2002 to promote disc golf across Nebraska. TD of many B and C tier tournaments, annual Ice Bowl TD, league director, and countless volunteer hours at the Lincoln disc golf courses. Have played over 120 courses in 14 different states and two countries. Competed at four Am Worlds tournaments.

It is a pleasure serving others as a resource for disc golfers. Some of the efforts are demonstrated by promoting Nebraska tournaments using nebdisc, working with tournament directors for coordinating tournament dates, answering questions about procedures and working through problems to find resolutions.

It would be an honor to again be the PDGA State Coordinator.

Nebraska - Tony Odem #45163

Branch Manager, Pinnacle Bank

5+ years in retail banking, 2+ years in management, Executive Officer's License, Class I, State of Nebraska

Five-year PDGA Member, Tournament Director for more than ten events at C-Tier and B-Tier levels

For what disc golf has provided to me, I'm not certain that I can ever give back enough. This is a sport that has created opportunities to build friendships, escape from the daily stresses of life, and stand in the awe of the flight of the disc soaring further each year as we continue to build.

Grow the sport is the mantra that many in the disc golf community have adopted and it is a statement that I hope to build upon. Through my past efforts in directing tournaments and developing a tour to promote the sport across Nebraska, I feel that I've obtained a greater understanding of what Nebraska disc golfers want and need and can continue to be a support as the many volunteers we have push disc golf ever further. I've had ideas that failed and I've had successes in my few years involved with this sport, but as Nebraska State Coordinator, I will seek to unite the smaller disc golf communities so that we are working together and alongside our neighboring states to expand the local competition and introduce newcomers to this sport. We will utilize communication

tools to better reach the masses and challenge various clubs to work together in optimizing the opportunities for all PDGA and non-PDGA disc golfers. I will also seek out ways to support the growth of disc golf in our state parks as others have already begun.

Nebraska disc golf has only begun to climb and it is my hope that you'll allow me to assist in the continued growth of our sport while serving you in the capacity of PDGA Nebraska State Coordinator. Your support is appreciated and I look forward to working alongside the many Nebraska disc golfers as we continue to grow the sport!

New Hampshire - Rob Feeney #33565

I have worked in the adventure fields and the education fields. I have spent many years as a rock climbing guide, ropes course facilitator and outdoor leader. The last decade I have also worked in schools, public and private, as a teacher and a school administrator.

I have been playing since 2000, and playing tournaments since 2007 (currently in the MA1 division). I have been involved running a tag league at Bellamy Park in Dover for the several years. I TD tournaments and events at Bellamy Park, have assisted to run a tournament at Top O' the Hill in Canterbury NH, and am currently working on getting a public course put in the ground in Rochester NH. I regularly volunteer at the Vibram Open in MA. I have also served several terms as the PDGA coordinator for NH.

It has been my pleasure to represent the state of New Hampshire with the PDGA and to serve the many great people in disc golf over the last several years. I once again ask for your vote to be the PDGA representative for the state of New Hampshire.

Since the last election, I have been working to promote the growth of disc golf. I had the great honor to TD the third annual Ice Bowl in the granite state with the Bellamy Park Ice Bowl. I currently serve as the Vice President of the newly formed Bellamy Park Disc Golf Club. I am also working on designing and installing a new disc golf course in the town of Rochester, NH.

I plan to use my position to bring more PDGA sanctioned events to New Hampshire, and to support the growth of this great sport of disc golf for the next 2 years as your PDGA representative. If you should have any questions you would like me to answer before you cast your vote, please feel free to send an email to feeney_rob@yahoo.com and I will answer you promptly. Thanks for your support and consideration!

New Mexico – Marcos Castillo #39338

Sports Coordinator for the Village of Los Lunas

13 years' experience working in public recreation field
Summer Recreation Director, Village of Los Lunas 2003-07
Sports Director for YMCA of Central New Mexico, Mountainside Branch 2008-09
Site Director, City of Albuquerque Therapeutic Recreation Program 2009
Assistant Branch Director, Boys & Girls Club of San Antonio, Calderon Branch 2009-11

Sports Coordinator, Village of Los Lunas 2011-present

- Runs all youth and adult sports programs
- Local Coordinator for Valencia County Senior Olympic Program
- Coordinates city wide special events including parades, etc.

Disc Golf Experience:

- I began playing disc golf in 2007 shortly after my college baseball career ended.
- Played my first PDGA event in 2009.
- Currently a 992 rated professional player
- Sponsored by Prodigy Disc
- Managing partner of Elite Brothers Disc Golf, which runs 5 tournaments throughout the state
- Founding member of New Mexico Highlands University Disc Golf Club

- Part of design team for New Mexico Highlands University Disc Golf Course
- Co-designer of Pendaries Village Disc Golf Course
- Former board member of San Antonio Disc Club

My name is Marcos Castillo #39338 and I am asking for your vote for the position of PDGA State Coordinator for the State of New Mexico. Disc golf is currently experiencing exponential growth here in New Mexico in both the number of players and tournaments that we have. We need to keep the momentum going and continue to grow to make New Mexico a disc golf destination for people around the country. I have several goals and I will elaborate on them individually below.

1. Increase communication and collaboration between all the DG communities statewide.
In a state the size of ours our disc golf communities are spread out over a large area. The communication between clubs and groups has become better recently but there is room for improvement.
2. Take the fear out of running events and assist in standardizing the TD process
Many people have thought of running events but are afraid to do so for one reason or another. We have a solid group of tournament directors here in the state but more TD's are always needed if we want to expand our tournament offerings. Being a first time TD is a stressful process and I was lucky enough to be able to learn from experienced TD's in my time in San Antonio. In experience with disc golf events and my professional experience running different types of sporting events, I have learned several different models that I would love to share with prospective TD's for them to choose which one suit them best. On the tentative schedule for this year we have 14 sanctioned events so far with a couple more possible. This will be a high water mark for events in New Mexico
3. Early and "Smart" Scheduling
As our events become more established, I would like for them to be scheduled as early as possible. Ideally, I would like to have a solid schedule for the year by the end of January. We have accomplished that for the most part this year. Certain unforeseen factors (course availability etc.) can make for changes in events but we have done a good job of planning early this season. This would give our TD's the best chance at a large turnout and a successful event.
4. Increase PDGA membership in New Mexico
Since the beginning of my last term in 2013, there have been 93 new PDGA members reflecting 28% of all time membership in the state. This is due to several reasons. First, the number of events in the state makes it financially viable to join rather than paying the \$10 fee. Our flagship event, the Pendaries Village Open, is now an A-tier, which requires current membership to play. Finally, there are many new players who are getting hooked on the sport and tournament play. I can only see this number increasing going forward as we add new players and events around the state.
5. New Course Development
With all the new players in the state, the number of courses has not increased to meet the growth, especially in the Albuquerque area. I have been and will continue to work with anyone and everyone who wants to develop a new course in their area. It is a long and frustrating process full of red tape, but with determination and persistence we can get new courses up to meet the increasing demand.

Thank you for your time and consideration for the position of New Mexico State PDGA Coordinator. We are moving in the right direction and with your vote and support we can continue to grow the sport in the Land of Enchantment!

North Carolina - Robert Leonard #21676

Masters, Management and Leadership – Argosy University – Expected Graduation Date – December, 2017

10 Years in Finance

Current position – Financial Aid Officer, The Art Institute of Raleigh Durham

North Carolina State Coordinator since 2012

Tournament Director since 2004 for multiple events including the 2013 Tim Selinske US Masters (Major) and Midtown Chiropractic Disc Golf Championship.

Ohio - Paul Jay #10227

My name is Paul Jay, PDGA # 10227. I have been playing disc golf for over 19 years, PDGA member for 16 years. I have also designed courses in Ohio.

I am seeking re-election to the Ohio state coordinator position. I like the interaction with all the Ohio tournament directors, I have a good knowledge of the history behind most tournaments in Ohio, therefore I can make sure tournaments with history of being on certain dates get the dates they want as well as advise others on the best dates possible for their events. I enjoy promoting our sport through education as well; this position opens doors to allow me to do that. If re-elected, I will continue to work closely with the PDGA and all our Ohio players and tournament directors to provide information and answers to your questions and concerns as well as work towards improving those things which need it. Thank you for your time in reading this. I look forward to serving you in 2015-2017.

Ontario – Dustin Fournier #17916

20 years sales & management
Player & TD since 1998; Current provincial coordinator for Ontario.

I AM INTERESTED IN RUNNING FOR THE POSITION OF PROVINCIAL COORDINATOR FOR THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO. I AM THE CURRENT PROVINCIAL COORDINATOR AND I WOULD BE HONOURED TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE TO VOLUNTEER MY TIME AND EFFORTS TO THE PDGA AND THE SPORT IN MY AREA.

Pennsylvania - Chas Ford #12850

I began playing Disc Golf in 1978. In 1996 I played my first PDGA tournament and I became a member of the PDGA in 1997. I was a member of the Kalamazoo Basket K' Aces from 1996 to 2012 and a member of Club Dead from 2002 to 2008. I am currently a member of the Boulder Woods Country Club Llamas, Creekside Crawdads, Coyote Hills Coyotes, and The Pittsburgh Flying Disc Association. I have volunteered many hours helping to run events as well as TDing and Co TDing events with our local clubs. I helped organize the PA State Park Series in 2012 and 2013. I was Business manager and Treasurer for the 2008 Pro/Am Worlds in Kalamazoo MI, and I am Co-TD for the 2015 Pro Worlds in Pittsburgh PA. I have had the pleasure of playing in nearly 300 tournaments including five World Championships and The USDGC.

I have worked hard to build a good rapport with the Tournament Directors and players in PA and will continue to work closely with the clubs and TDs in our state and surrounding States. I will represent the PDGA in a professional manner and will encourage others to join our organization.

Quebec – Peter Lizotte #9189

Co-coordinator of the Quebec Disc Golf Tour (QDGT)
Owner operator of Disc Golf Entrepot
Team Innova Ambassador
Member of the ADGM, ADGQ, ODGC, and the fabulous Little Mountain Disc Golf club.

I present myself in 2015 as a candidate to represent the Quebec PDGA membership as Provincial coordinator for a 2 year term.

As PDGA coordinator In 2009 to 2013, my priorities were , course development, supporting a disc golf communications network, event promotion and augmenting the visibility of the sport within the Province. At the time the mission was to facilitate course installations, connect players then establish ourselves and grow. With the contribution of many enthusiasts we are able to move forward and now have about 20 courses. It wasn't too long ago that we were sitting there wondering if we would ever get a course in. Congratulations to all who's

efforts led to this success, you are many. We don't forget the generous \$1000.00 donation from PDGA Canada that greatly contributed to this effort.

Moving forward, and in terms of what we have achieved, I've had exploratory talks with PDGA Canada regarding the best solutions to increase PDGA members and sanctioned events in our Province. In essence we want to be relevant to the player-base.

This year, PDGA Canada offered support and the QDGT finals were sanctioned as a C-Tier. This event and other ensuing initiatives will help influence our direction in the coming 2 years.

Personally, as a 40 year casual player my membership has never really been too concerned about the direction or mission of the PDGA. I contribute in recognition and appreciation of their decades of efforts. From their continual and diligent standardization of the rules, to the updating of invaluable documents that aid development proposals, this membership also offers the many volunteers who assist in this commitment, more tools to move forward with. These contributions affect us all , be you a casual or " Pro " oriented player.

My goals for this term are to build a team to help run sanctioned events and I continue to aspire to be able to help one of our emerging prodigies travel to a major event.

Thank-you for your consideration.

Rhode Island – No Declared Candidates

Saskatchewan - Murray Gordon #19521

South Dakota – Brian Nelson #43440

Hey all!

My name is Brian Nelson and I am looking to help out South Dakota Disc Golf by offering my services and experience as a candidate for the South Dakota State Disc Golf Coordinator. I started playing disc golf back in 2002 at the Richmond Lake Disc Golf Course just north of Aberdeen and called that course home for many years.

After I moved to Sioux Falls a few years ago, I became more involved in the sport than just helping to run weekly non sanctioned leagues. I am a board member of the Big Sioux Disc Golf Club and also a Tournament Director, with my most recent tournament being the B-tiered Big Sioux Shootout. I am also the creator and Admin for the South Dakota Disc Golf Facebook page. I have had experience with many different aspects of the sport the last 13 years. From course improvements and maintenance to non-sanctioned tournaments and fundraiser Ice Bowls as well as being a player all over the country and abroad I have built a solid base of experience in the disc golf world.

I would love to expand my experience with disc golf and the PDGA and serve as your South Dakota State Coordinator. I look forward to the possible opportunity as the future for disc golf here in South Dakota looks very bright.

I hope to see a great turn out on voting this year and hope I can count on your vote. See you all out on the course and at the next tournament!

South Dakota - Scott Caesar #10282

Texas (South) - Mitch Justice #15022

Played for the first time in 1979...Started playing for real in 1987...Joined the PDGA in 1999

Texas (South) – Billy Nelson #13448

Vermont – Jeff Spring #43994

Washington – John Anderson #19996

Wisconsin – Steven Kuzenski #29027

Graduated in 2006 with a BA in Mass Communications from Winona State University (Winona, MN). Major's focus was in Radio/TV Broadcasting. Minor in Marketing.

Owner/Operator of the Disc Golf 365 Store in Eau Claire, WI.

Also work seasonally for Dairyland Donkeyball LLC - Driving and managing a team of 10 professionally trained donkeys throughout the Central US. We put on more than 100 Donkey Basketball games and/or Donkey Races races each year, helping raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for the various local 'sponsors'.

Hosted and Produced "PDGA Radio News" from 2008-2010. Course Director for 2014 PDGA Am Worlds in Minnesota. Host various local leagues, Tournament Director for several regional PDGA C-Tier events, and have served terms on the BOD for the Minnesota Frisbee Association and Chippewa Valley Disc Golf Organization. Also, formerly the Assistant News Director for Winona Radio Group, and a convenience store manager in St. Paul, MN.

My name is Steve, and I've been addicted to Disc Golf since my childhood. I grew up in Appleton (Greenville/Hortonville) playing disc golf Plamaan Park on a regular basis after school; then I went away to college spending a decade in Minnesota playing and working on their multitude of fine courses. I now live in Eau Claire and operate "Disc Golf 365", a specialty sporting goods store, downtown, near the UWEC campus. Although it's my belief that no singular person can do this task successfully, it would be my honor to help coordinate the promotion of disc golf on an official basis as your Wisconsin State Coordinator for the PDGA -- Working with the WDSA, as well as the local/regional clubs, schools, churches, etc. in order to keep growing the sport.

Goals of mine would include:

- Increase exposure to youth via Phy Ed programs, summer camps, lessons, etc.
- Creation of organized play at the high school level.
- Increase clubs and organized play at the state's colleges and universities.
- Increase PDGA membership rates within the state.
- Create a standardized form of communicating information to the constituents (Podcast, Email, etc).
- Ensure the 2015 Am Worlds in Madison becomes the best event possible.
- Develop bids for future National Tour events and/or Major championships.
- Increase media exposure to help promote and market private courses, specialty stores, and other disc sports entities; with the goal that more people will be able to say disc golf is their profession instead of just a hobby.
- Network with Tourism agencies, local/state politicians, and business leaders for additional opportunities in order to help the sport sustain it's fast rate of growth for all skill levels.

Thanks for Voting!

Wisconsin - Terry Miller #10738

Wisconsin has more than 250 disc golf courses. That's right, 250+ courses. When I started playing disc golf in the mid-90's we had less than 25. Our growth and development is truly astonishing. Blessed with amazing pioneers, ambassadors, and stewards of the game we continue thrive as one of the greatest destinations in the country. That is not going to change anytime soon.

As your State Coordinator I will continue to push us forward. Our growth and development has fostered many new events, companies, and ambassadors. We must work together to provide opportunities that fit a variety of interests and skill sets. I know it is not going to be easy and even coordinating our 60 to 70 event calendar is a huge task in itself but we will collaborate and we will succeed.

If you have a project, an idea, or an event let's make it a reality now. I say "Thank you" to everyone that has contributed to Wisconsin's success and I look forward to serving you as your PDGA State Coordinator.
