

2017 PDGA State/Province Coordinator Candidate Statements

Alabama – Ben Swam, #52875

Professional Experience: 26 years in the print and mail industry with an extensive background in Customer Service and Account Management.

Disc Golf Experience: I have been playing for 5 1/2 years, have served on the board of my local club for 4 1/2 of those years, have run approximately 20 tournaments in that time and have been a PDGA member since 2012.

Disc Golf Birmingham – Treasurer 2013-2015
Vice President 2015-2017
President – 2017-2019

Candidate Statement

I am interested in continuing my service as the State Coordinator for Alabama. I believe that my organizational skills, obtained through my management experience, have allowed me to handle the scheduling of tournaments throughout our state. I have been extremely fortunate to encounter few problems during my tenure and have enjoyed meeting other TD's from across our state.

Alberta – Ron “Rudy” Falconer, #23419

Candidate Statement

As you all know I have already had two terms in this position. I have learned a lot and am sure there is still plenty to learn.

Those of you who have not met me yet, I have over 25 years of disc golf experience. I have been to Worlds three times and that gave me a huge amount of experience in major tournaments. Also seeing all the world class courses helps when it comes to courses in Alberta. I'll be more than happy to take on another term as your Albert rep.

Thanks.

Arkansas – Matt Loyd, #40462

Professional Experience: Owner/Operator of Full Blown Discs; Touring and Promotions for Dynamic Discs

Disc Golf Experience: 10+ years of running disc golf events; Course Tournament Director at 2016 and 2017 Glass Blown Open; Course Tournament Director at 2016 Pro Worlds; PDGA Arkansas State Coordinator 2015-2016

Candidate Statement

My mission as PDGA State Coordinator for the state of Arkansas is to help continue to grow disc golf in the Natural State. I plan on doing this by:

- Working to introduce as many people as possible to the sport
- Continuing to grow disc golf in schools
- Providing clinics to the public
- Working to organize the state's PDGA sanctioned event schedule

- Provide more disc golf opportunities with new course installation

It was my pleasure to serve as PDGA State Coordinator for the state of Arkansas over the last two years, and I hope to continue that over the next term. Thank you for your votes.

Armed Forces Overseas (APO) – Tom Kunneke, #51668

Professional Experience: 30+ years domestic and international projects, including: Biological resource surveys and assessments; land use/land cover mapping; aerial imagery analysis; threatened & endangered species surveys; wetland habitat restoration and management; landscape design; community environmental outreach / media liaison.

Disc Golf Experience: Recreational and disc golf community advocate for thirteen years in the US, South Korea and Asia. Prior to working for the US Army in South Korea, I was based in various locales in Florida and Charlotte, NC. It was in

Charlotte where I started dedicating time to the sport regularly and availing myself of all the great local courses as well as learning course design factors. In the past seven years while based in Daegu, South Korea with the US Army my volunteer time has been devoted to growing and developing the player community here, including: outreach that bridges the military and local player community; organizing several tournaments annually; organizing annual womens' player events; designing the first-ever 18-hole course on a military installation here in Korea at Cp Humphreys (2012); designing courses in other Korean cities (2012 – present); promoting the sport through Armed Forces Network (AFN) Radio and TV; participating in sanctioned tournaments in Japan, Okinawa and Taiwan; playing courses in Guam and Saipan; and energized eighteen local players to become PDGA members in 2017. Membership includes Charlotte Disc Golf Club; Disc Golf Course Designers; and Vice-Chairman Daegu Disc Golf Association.

Candidate Introduction YouTube Video Link:

<https://youtu.be/ibbYzAUhFXI> (Candidate introduction video)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AmQTQP_Djs0 (Soldiers cleanup at Daegu Disc Golf Park)

https://www.army.mil/article/90049/Camp_Humphreys_hosts_Army_s_first_Korea_wide_disc_golf_tournament (Army newspaper article for Camp Humphreys Army Base disc golf tournament)

Candidate Statement

As the APO Coordinator, I will continue to actively build on what I've been involved with over the past seven years. Those years have included growing and promoting disc golf as a DoD civilian and the benefits of that recreational outlet within the military have confirmed the high value to soldiers' and civilian well-being. And when the Recreation Office at an installation gets involved and proactive the results are even more exciting and through social media connect to a wider support level. I remain committed to engaging the Army Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) office and their need to make it profitable to hold tournaments and support resources for disc golf on an installation.

In my experience I have found that soldiers who play disc golf exhibit the sportsmanship qualities that are one of the core values of PDGA. Disc golf bridges cultural differences between soldiers and local citizenry and, while I promote disc golf as part of our outreach program, the reality of this is evident for anyone who has been involved in disc golf recreation within DoD in a foreign country (i.e., APO). One of the most effective ways to engage the military disc golf community overseas with the local players/local courses is through sportsmanship.

We have realized here in Korea there are a lot of soldiers coming in for a tour of duty who have thrown a disc and my belief is that when they are based overseas need courses. I will continue to build on that growth in the Korean peninsula. These premises mentioned above are a foundation for the need to include funding in Army Recreation budgets for portable baskets and discs. There are substantial discounts to the military through GSA procurement. Simultaneously we need to continue identifying DoD installations overseas that may have land parcels with enough space to build 9-hole courses, or if necessary, smaller courses.

Engaging local communities will actually help promote the sport within the DoD community, as I've witnessed

through the Army media outlets I work with. And, naturally the converse is true. The inclusion of Fort Gordon Marine/Navy course in the 2017 World Championships typifies these values. Now that I've cultivated disc-golf based friendships in Japan and Okinawa the next step will be pursuing ways to get the word out to soldiers and civilians to get out and meet those communities. Last year I began this engagement by organizing a Japan-Korea Friendship Tour, bringing six Japanese players to tour Korean courses.

As an APO Coordinator, I will continue advocating and informing PDGA on the robust growth of disc golf in this part of Asia and beyond, where soldiers and DoD personnel are serving as disc golf ambassadors. If elected, the results of my platform initiatives above will be evident during my volunteer term.

California (North) – Jennifer “Jenny” Knisley, #13273

Professional Experience:

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

Disc Golf Experience:

PDGA Marshall Pro Worlds 2011, 2014, Amateur Words 2012, 2013, 2014

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 2004-Current

Organizational Positions:

NorCal Series Disc Golf Board President – Current

Loomis Library Board President- Current

Soroptimist Sierra Nevada Regional Finance Coordinator 2014-2016

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 & Treasurers

Candidate Statement

Hello, I am your current PDGA Northern California State Representative, and I am running for re-election. I feel I represent the Past, Present, and Future of Disc Golf. I love volunteering and I am passionate about promoting the game.

Past: Disc Golf has been a part of my life for 25 years. I've been married to my husband of 22 years who has played for 30+ years. I've been a tournament director for 20 years. I have developed a working relationship with the PDGA which helps me communicate the desires of our Northern California Disc Golf Players.

Present: I am constantly working to professionally educating myself on ways of listening and to better communicate with my community and peers. Organizing disc golf tournaments, schedules, and finding ways to increase awareness of our sport has been a significant part of my life.

Future: The PDGA organization is growing and we need to educate the members and public about the benefits of our sport. I will continue to find ways to connect the upcoming players with our current dedicated players. As a PDGA Representative, I'm always working towards the main goals of supporting players, clubs, and tournament directors, schedule disc golf events, and represent the PDGA in a positive and professional manner.

P.S. Someday ask me why my name is Jennifer but I go by "Jenny".

Colorado – Ray Woodruff, #32728

Professional Experience: Information Technology for the past 20 years.

Disc Golf Experience: I have been playing competitively since 2007, but I have enjoyed the game since 1996.

Delaware – Jimi McIlvain, #13003

Georgia – Courtney McCoy, #18835

Idaho – Brandon Merzlock, #24795

Disc Golf Experience: PDGA Member and Official since 2004. Have played disc golf since 1997. I have ran approximately 80 events (PDGA and non PDGA). I have ran disc golf leagues consistently each year since 2005. I have served as President of the Portneuf Valley Disc Golf Club, President of the High Desert Disc Golf Alliance, board member of the Northern Utah Disc Golf Association, board member of South Fork Disc Golf, and current board member of the Southern Idaho Chuckers. I have had a hand in the installation, improvement, and/or design of 11 courses.

Candidate Statement

Due to my familiarity with disc golfers across the state (mostly Southern Idaho) and their clubs, courses, and competitive events, I would like to throw my hat in as one qualified candidate for State Coordinator. My main goal with disc golf is to increase professionalism within the sport while increasing fun for all players. I have been a player since 1997. I have been a PDGA member and official since 2004. I have run approximately 80 events, both PDGA and non PDGA. I have served as President of the Portneuf Valley Disc Golf Club, President of the High Desert Disc Golf Alliance (currently Cache Valley Disc Golf), board member of the Northern Utah Disc Golf Association, board member of South Fork Disc Golf, and current board member of the Southern Idaho Chuckers. I have continued to increase my experience in the sport by attending the PDGA Director's Cup training and tournament at the PDGA Headquarters in Georgia. I also recently help manage all live scorekeeping at the Utah Open – Disc Golf Pro Tour. Thank you!

Indiana – Steve Boylan, #6542

Candidate Statement

I look forward to having another opportunity to serve our disc golf community in the State of Indiana. It has been my honor and privilege to be a part of the growth for Indiana disc golf and the PDGA over the last several years. Our state is rich with series traditions that span almost year round including;

WIFFS, Summer Series and Fall Series events. I look forward to continued success with local TD's and players in many of our towns, cities and parks departments.

Kansas – Scott Reek, #12824

Professional Experience: I have been promoting disc golf for over 20 years. Hosted several A-Tier events and have been on the staff for multiple World and National Tour events.

Disc Golf Experience: I started playing disc golf in 1996. I have been the president of both the Appleton Area Disc Golf Club and the Kansas City Flying Disc Golf Club. I have also been the state coordinator for both APO/AE and Kansas for several years.

Louisiana – Keith Bodin, #7134

Professional Experience: I have been a project manager in the environmental consulting and remediation industry for over 15 years. My experience in managing project, which include working with vendors, personnel, and understanding contracts will serve the PDGA well.

Disc Golf Experience: My name is Keith C. Bodin and I am declaring my candidacy to run for the Louisiana State Coordinator for the PDGA. I started playing disc golf in 1987. I joined the PDGA around 1991 and have been active in disc golf for more than 30 years. I built and maintain a private course in Ragley Louisiana named La Cote DGC. We hold 2 PDGA events a year, Le Roi Du Cote (King of the Hill in Cajun French) and Rumble in Ragley. We just installed 18 new prodigy T1 baskets and sold the old baskets (Mach II) to a church camp not far from the course to help grow the sport with the kids. The Le Roi Du Cote has been part of the endowment program through the PDGA helping Dreams Come True of Louisiana. We have raised over 20,000.00 in the years of working with Dreams Come True of Louisiana. DCT is an organization that help give children of Louisiana with life threatening illnesses a chance to be a kid for a while by giving the whatever their dream might be. I am proud of my work with all kind of charities and use disc golf to help those said charities.

Louisiana – Kevin Pelton, #10356

Manitoba (No Candidate)

Minnesota – Jason Wilder, #17523

Missouri (No Candidate)

Nebraska – Nick Whited, #62124

Professional Experience: Experience in sales and marketing, networking technology solutions, security solutions, phone system solutions, fiber optics, and wireless networking solutions.

Disc Golf Experience: I started playing competitively in 2014 in the Intermediate division transitioning quickly into Advanced and Open play. I have hosted numerous events across the western portion of the state, hosted Clinics,

supported charity events for CASA, and hosted charity events for Relay for Life.

New Hampshire – Kenneth Bovill, #79006

Professional Experience: Experience in sales and marketing, networking technology solutions, security solutions, phone system solutions, fiber optics, and wireless networking solutions.

Disc Golf Experience: I started playing competitively in 2014 in the Intermediate division transitioning quickly into Advanced and Open play. I have hosted numerous events across the western portion of the state, hosted Clinics, supported charity events for CASA, and hosted charity events for Relay for Life.

Professional Experience: Having been a retail manager for 12 years, this role is a natural fit for me, and I feel that I have learned many of the elements needed to be a State Coordinator for the PDGA. I have experience managing anywhere from 8 to 60 employees, and understand how to delegate and coach both employees and volunteers. As an outdoor company, I have worked with many groups (both non-profit), to develop and hold events within the community. As a small business owner, I have refined my ability to manage both finances, workload, and clients. This business has taught me the importance of honest, straightforward practices, which are a natural fit within the PDGA. Being the owner, everything from finances to marketing, fall solely on me, and these traits are something that will only help within the PDGA.

Disc Golf Experience: Although fairly new to disc golf, having only been a player for 6 years, I have quickly become a competent and dependable tournament director. I have worked with Bill Bruce to develop two of the largest B-tier tournaments in New England (The Hollows Fall Classic and The New England Amateur Disc Golf Championships), among other smaller, local events at numerous courses in the area. (Live Free or Drive Series, Vibram Birdie Bash, Trilogy Challenge, Dynamic Two Disc Challenge) Since directing events, I have earned a reputation for being a honest and fair director, gaining the respect of players, other tournament directors, and course managers.

Candidate Statement

My purpose for running for the Coordinator position to help create a stronger disc golf community within the state. As this sport grows, it has become evident that we need to focus on making sure events throughout the state and region are run properly, and scheduled with each other in mind. We are looking for the same thing: growth within the sport we love, and I want to help with this within the PDGA.

Thank you for your consideration.

New Hampshire – Rob Feeney, #33565

New Mexico – Marcos Castillo, #39338

Professional Experience: 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 2011-2015

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

Recreation Supervisor, Village of Los Lunas 2015-Present

- Manage and coordinate all aspects of Village wide recreation programming
- Coordinate all special events
- Manage facilities

Disc Golf Experience:

- New Mexico PDGA State Coordinator 2013-present
- I began playing disc golf in 2007 shortly after my college baseball career ended.
- Played my first PDGA event in 2009.
- Currently a 985 rated professional player
- Sponsored by Prodigy Disc
- Part of Prodigy Course Design Group
- Managing partner of Elite Brothers Disc Golf, which runs 7 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
- Former board member of San Antonio Disc Club

Candidate Statement

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.

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

We are currently at 152 current PDGA members in our state, this is an all time high. 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. 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 – Phil Lawrence, #38083

Professional Experience:

I'm highly skilled in managing a strict date-driven production work flow, personnel, and equipment in a customer service oriented small business of 15 employees. I've helped grow the business by at least 50% for the past 5 years, and do so by running it as a business, rather than getting caught up in the product itself.

Disc Golf Experience:

I became an active member of the PDGA in 2009, and immediately dove in to experience a wide variety of tournaments from the smallest C tiers to the A tiers of Bowling Green, Kentucky. I soon became drawn to the event coordination side, and became actively involved in my local club. I started running PDGA events in 2011, and became the President of the Oak Hollow Disc Golf Club in High Point, NC. I've helped grow the club since 2011 to hosting 8 PDGA events in 2017, and many non-PDGA events as well. In addition to the local club, I've also been involved in larger events as the Volunteer Coordinator for the Tim Selinske Masters in 2013. Most recently, I accepted an assistant TD position for the upcoming 2018 Amateur World Championship in Charlotte, NC.

Candidate Statement

North Carolina Disc Golfers: Thank you for taking the time to vote for the next State Coordinator, and I appreciate the interest you are taking in it. North Carolina is a central hub for disc golf, and we should all take pride in what we're growing. However, with that growth comes pains and challenges. The positives of having more and more events each year challenges us with how to balance the schedule. As new directors rise through the ranks, they'll need guidance to keep our events above tour standards and at a high quality level for all the participants. As we grow, it'll be increasingly hard to maintain the NC Points Series that has been revived and increasing in quality ever since. I'm ready to tackle these challenges, and more, by working together with established Tournament Directors, previous State Coordinators, new faces with new ideas, and by listening to feedback from the participants.

When I decided to become a Tournament Director, I did so by reaching out and consulting the directors that came before me, as well as other respected directors across the state. After being shown the processes others go through when preparing for an event, I was able to take what I liked from each of them to have a great starting point. Over time, I developed my own system and processes by building a great base of help, and listening to what the participants of my events enjoyed.

If elected, I would have a similar process to succeed as the State Coordinator. Reaching out to previous State Coordinators will give me several view points and processes to consider to see what worked for them. Taking the "best of" from these individuals with years of experience will get me started on the right foot. From there, I'll develop my own processes and procedures while taking into account the feedback from everyone involved in the process.

Ohio – Paul Jay, #10227

Professional Experience: 25 years in materials management at The Ohio State University.

Disc Golf Experience:

Playing/promoting for 30 years

PDGA State coordinator-Ohio for 8 years -Current

President of The Columbus Flyers DGC for 10+ years- Current

Tournament Director for 10 Brent Hambrick Memorial Open PDGA National Tour events, and around 100 other PDGA events

Designed or helped design numerous courses in Ohio

Candidate Statement

I would welcome the chance to continue to represent Ohio disc golfers as well as tournament directors again in 2018-19.

My experiences being state coordinator are rewarding. It gives me a chance to further our sport and reach new players through running clinics, ect. I also understand the importance of established events that have historical dates, there for ensuring that you can continue to get the first choice of that date for your events.

If elected I will continue to work on current courses in Ohio as well as work with others on design and building quality, enjoyable new courses.

I will continue to work with the PDGA and Ohio clubs to achieve our disc golf goals. One of many goals would be to bring the worlds back to Ohio.

Thank you for your consideration of my candidacy.

Ohio – Ken Rollins, #7030

Professional Experience: Over 30 years management experience in the service industry to include department stores, convenient stores, food service and most recent Corrections for the state of Ohio. Proficient with computers and Microsoft Office Suite. Effective and professional communicator both written and oral.

Disc Golf Experience: Actively involved with disc golf since 1991 with regards to playing, organizing and promoting. Some notable accomplishments include: TD for many PDGA - C & B Tier events, TD for the 2010 PDGA AM Worlds, and Co-TD for the 2015 PDGA United States Women's Disc Golf Championships. Persistent work with state, county and city governments with course development and preservation. Effectively conducted many park board presentations that were successful in gaining over 13 courses in the Mid Ohio area. Member of the Innova Ambassador Team, annual volunteer at the United States Disc Golf Championships in Rock Hill, SC and recently inducted as a member of the 2017 class in the Ohio Disc Golf Hall of Fame.

Candidate Statement

If elected as your PDGA State Coordinator for Ohio I will represent the PDGA in an encouraging manner with the utmost professional approach. I will work with you, the members, the clubs, and the community while maintaining a positive and responsive style. I am anxious to work with tournament directors (seasoned and new) to assist in scheduling, answering and or resolving event issues and proper TD reporting/sanctioning if needed. I will continue to promote growth through awarding PDGA memberships and by challenging TD's to carry out similar methods to increase enthusiasm and gain future members. I pledge to be available to you and hope to visit some events throughout the state as a support person or even to assist if needed.

Our future is now and together we can create change but you must go first. Be sure to vote.

Thank you and God bless you!

Ontario – Chris Ozolins, #55049

Professional Experience: Director of Ontario's disc sport PSO advocating-for and developing disc golf and ultimate frisbee within the province. Experience with grant application and execution, board functions, processes and communications. I also teach at the professional level and have 10 years' experience under my belt developing constructive discourse with my students to maximize communication and success.

Disc Golf Experience: PDGA member since 2012. I've won provincial championships in MA1 and MPO and have played in over 50 PDGA events and 150 courses in North America. I've competed in National Tour and Pro Tour events as well as PDGA majors. I have organized and run, or help run a multitude of tournaments including the

annual Ontario Women's Disc Golf Championship and ODSA Ontario Provincial Championships. I have advocated-for and helped develop and install multiple course projects during my tenure with the ODSA and been an avid supporter of the PDGA since day one.

Candidate Introduction YouTube Video Link: <https://youtu.be/n6pD7Rv31ww>

Candidate Statement

My objective as the Provincial Coordinator is to interface with tournament directors province-wide and ensure PDGA sanctioning criteria is being upheld and our schedule is fair. I intend to collect feedback (both positive and negative) in an effort to conference with Ontario TD's and improve the way in which we plan and deliver tournaments as well as develop our provincial event schedule. I have the utmost respect for Ontario tournament directors and the time they dedicate to organizing events for our player base and wish to act as a direct resource to them, and our player base, in hopes of further developing Ontario's level and quality of competition and competitive events. I wish to also help develop the pathway in which recreational players may transition to competitive events.

Pennsylvania – Chas Ford, #12850

Candidate Statement

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, the Quakers and Shakers 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 have organized and managed the PA State Park Series from 2012-2015, The Keystone Summer Series in 2016 and am currently helping to run the Heritage series of qualifiers for an "A" tier event in Carlisle. In 2013 I helped establish the Pennsylvania Disc Golf Hall of Fame we will induct our second class in 2017. I served as Business manager and Treasurer for the 2008 Pro/Am Worlds in Kalamazoo MI, and I had the honor of being Co-TD for the 2015 Pro Worlds in Pittsburgh PA. I have had the pleasure of playing in over 300 tournaments including five World Championships and two USDGCs.

I have worked hard to build a good rapport with the Tournament Directors and players in PA as well as working with the state coordinators from our neighboring states and I hope to be able to continue this work. I will represent the PDGA in a professional manner and will encourage others to join our organization.

Quebec – Christian Vanier, #67574

Professional Experience: 20 years in a 5 star hotel environment

Disc Golf Experience: 5 years

Quebec – Peter Lizotte, #9189

Professional Experience: professional - musician, cooking

Disc Golf Experience: 42 years Disc Golf experience, Player, Volunteer, TD, Series coordinator, Course design and installations, Disc Golf retail.

Candidate Statement

I present myself as default candidate in 2017. I continue to look for an energetic individual to commit to the position. The 2016 season had a record number of sanctioned events in the Province and so far we've matched that.

If elected, I will continue to promote, encourage and support the growth of the game through the many of those who

actively contribute to those ends in our Province

Rhode Island – T.M. Dyer, #5078

Saskatchewan – Murray James Gordon, #19521

South Dakota – Cary Muilenburg, #60072

Texas (South) – Stephanie Vincent, #29947

Professional Experience: I have been a Professional Care Giver for over 15 years.

I worked with the Austin homeless population during 2007-2009 at the Austin Resource Center for the Homeless as a Client Service Specialist. My duties included checking clients in and out of the building, directing clients to community resources and working alongside the Case Workers to ensure the Clients were following the plan put in place for them.

From 2009-2013 I was a Preschool Teacher with HeadStart. I was in charge of writing weekly lesson plans, keeping written documents on the children's progress throughout the year and completing parent teacher conferences. I also attended teacher workshops throughout the year and summer to learn new ideas to bring back to the classroom.

Currently I am a Nanny for a family with 2 children under the age of 10. My daily duties include supervising the children, planning activities and helping to maintain a daily schedule for the kids.

I believe that with my experience in keeping proper documentation and maintaining schedules it will help ensure that I can schedule our TX tournaments efficiently and communicate clearly with our TX Tournament Directors.

Disc Golf Experience: I started playing Disc Golf in 2006 and started playing Professional in 2010. This is also the same year that my friends and I started Women Throwing Frisbees. We started out with weekly meets but our main focus is to help connect the women in our area to each other. WTF has ran fundraiser events to raise money to pay for the ladies in our club to play the Texas Women's Championship tournament held in April. Our club also took over a long standing PDGA A/B tier tournament in Round Rock called Outlaws, which is attended by over 100 players annually. In addition to hosting the tournament, we run doubles on Friday, make sure the course is marked for play, and provide homemade breakfast and lunch for all players both days. WTF has co-hosted the Doggone Disc Golf Tournament benefiting the Austin area advocacy, education and rescue group Love-A-Bull and is in charge of registration, making the cards and tallying the score. I also was the Hospitality Coordinator for the 2011 US Women's Championship. I was in charge of finding a venue to host the player's banquet and all the extra-curricular activities which included an ice cream social and player's party hosted by Women Throwing Frisbees. I love disc golf and all the joy it has brought me; now I feel like it's time give back to community that I love so much.

Vermont – Jeff Spring, #43994

Washington – John Andersen, #19996

Professional Experience: Manage inventory for a multi-million dollar company.

Disc Golf Experience: 23 years playing, 15 years PDGA, 10 years professional, ran 5+ PDGA events, board member with local club.

Wisconsin – Terry Miller, #10738
