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Candidate for Vice President of Western BCA

Western BCA, a collaborative effort between BCA league operators in the Pacific Northwest, has been more than just an organization to me since my introduction in 2002. It has been a part of my life, a place where I've seen the best of our pool players shine. Our pool tournaments, led by the dedication and commitment of our entirely volunteer voting membership base, are not only the biggest, but we also produce the best in the country.

In 2004, Western BCA split into two factions: one that remained with the original BCA league system and one that formed a new league system, the American CueSports Alliance. At that time, I was voted in as vice president, and a few months later, I became interim president and ensured that the Western BCA regional tournaments continued successfully until a new president was elected in 2006. Since then, I have been actively involved in various roles within the organization:

- 16 years as a player representative for three different leagues,
- four years as vice president,
- seven years as tournament director,
- member of the board of directors,
- bylaws committee member,
- division manager.

My commitment to Western BCA is not just a campaign promise. It's a lifelong dedication to seeing our organization thrive, free from the divisions of the past. As your vice president, I will champion transparent communication and information sharing among the voting members, always putting the players' best interests first. I believe in a solution-oriented approach that will guide our organization toward a future of unity and prosperity, in line with our shared values and goals.

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volunteer and work experience

tournament director 7 years; **vice president** 4 years; **interim president** 1.5 years;
board member 6 years; **player representative** 16 years;

bylaws committee member 1 year; **contract committee member** (defunct) 1 year
Western BCA Pool Players Association (WBCA) 2002–present

The association, with more than 4,000 members spread across four states, is responsible for conducting the largest regional pool tournaments in the country, second only to the international championships held in Las Vegas, Nevada. In 2004, while serving as interim president after the organization split into two factions, a skeleton crew of volunteers and I ensured that the tournaments were conducted without a hitch. I arranged for WBCA to retain the coin drop, which amounted to approximately \$29,000 per event, for operating funds and replace it with a greens fee, a first for a regional tournament in the US. Additionally, I negotiated with Chinook Winds Casino and Resort to provide complimentary hotel rooms to league operators, officers, and other volunteer staff. After being unanimously rejected by the voting members, I led the organization in transitioning to Diamond pool tables. As the voting member with the lengthiest participation and active attendance history, I am the standing expert on the association's bylaws. I am well-versed in parliamentary procedure, per *Robert's Rules of Order*.

league player

Western BCA Pool Players Association 2002–present
American Poolplayers Association (APA) 1998–2004

bar and restaurant manager

KCs Midway Bar and Grill (Midway), Oregon City 2002–2004
Managed daily operations of neighborhood establishment. Till, ATM and deposit reconciliation; staffing; promotions; registered key-person with Oregon liquor control commission for lottery purposes; pool equipment maintenance. Director and promotor of weekly and large-scale pool tournaments.

division manager

Northwest Players League, Sam's Billiards, Portland 2008–2011
Revitalized in-house league division, with 9-ball, 8-ball and 1-pocket sessions, played weekly on 13 9-foot tables. Ended tenure with a waiting list for new players and teams.

Midnight Phoenix Pool League, Midway, Oregon City 2002–2004
Maximized weekly league participation, with waiting list for new members.

admissions staff

Oregon Country Fair, Veneta 1989–present

referee experience

CueSports International Expo *Las Vegas* 2008–present

Nationally certified senior referee for annual tournaments, including live broadcasted matches in the professional arena.

Northwest Cup annual competitions *Oregon and Washington* 2019–present

Colorado Classic *Aurora, Colorado* March 2022

A benefit tournament for multiple sclerosis that featured Corey Deuel, Alison Fisher, Kelly Fisher, Florian Kohler, and Shane Van Boening.

United States Professional Poolplayers Association (UPA) open bar box and league championships *Las Vegas* June 2022

ChalkBox Mosconi Battle *Poulsbo* February 2024

skills

Parliamentary procedure (*Robert's Rules of Order*). Contract negotiations. Tournament directing. Cue repair and maintenance services. Billiards instruction. Public speaking (live and pre-recorded). Research and development. Marketing and promotion. Revenue growth. Management, staffing, and operational efficiency. Sustainability. Client relations and networking. Product procurement. Radio syndication, engineering, production. Forklift-certified. Class-A commercial driver's license. SCUBA-certified. Accounting certificate. Gold National Career Readiness achievement awardee.