

AL BOYCE: NORTH REGIONAL REP

I have been a home brewer since 1991, I am a board member of the Minnesota Home Brewers Association, and a member of the St Paul Homebrewers Club, the Northern Ale Stars and the Prairie Homebrewing Companions. I have been a BJCP judge since 2000. I received my Grand Master II certification in February 2010. I have had the pleasure to serve as the North Region Representative for the BJCP since 2004, and I have been the Treasurer for the BJCP for that entire time as well.

I joined the board amidst controversy - we had a zero balance treasury. I was shanghaied into becoming the new treasurer (still haven't figured THAT one out!) I helped to research and document what happened to the prior treasury, and helped to bring the individual who spent it to justice - achieving a Federal conviction in December of 2008. I have tried to be the reminder on the board that the board members are the stewards of the BJCP treasury, and if we're not spending it on the membership, then we should be reducing our fees or giving it back to them. I was happy to propose that the Board reduce competition sanction fees, and increased the amount of money from exam fees the local sponsoring club of the BJCP exams keeps for the purposes of their exam prep class, and both of those measures passed in 2010 and are now implemented.

I have published a popular study guide for the BJCP exam, and recently helped create a syllabus for a class to help members achieve Master status in the BJCP.

My email box is always open for your comments and suggestions to make the BJCP better! I would be pleased to serve another term as your rep to the BJCP board.

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