

## BIOGRAPHY/POSITION STATEMENT: AL BOYCE

Greetings fellow BJCP judges of the North Region!

It has been my pleasure to serve as your Representative on the BJCP Board, as well as the BJCP Treasurer, since 2004. I am asking for your vote to continue to serve as your rep for another term.

My qualifications:

- Home brewer since 1991
- 2006 High Plains Homebrewer of the Year
- Grand Master III BJCP Beer Judge
- Programmer of the BeerContestDB homebrew contest management system
- Former Officer of the Minnesota Home Brewers Association
- Current BJCP North Region Representative and Treasurer

These past nine years have been tumultuous and productive:

- We started 2004 with zero funds – though we never recovered the embezzled money from the prior treasurer, we did successfully prosecute him, and put in place safeguards so that would never happen again.
- We completed two revisions of the BJCP Style Guidelines.
- We initiated the BJCP Continuing Education Program, and continue to find new ways to make it available to our members.
- We lowered the price to sanction BJCP competitions, and increased the percentage of the BJCP Examination Fees allocated back to the sponsoring entity.
- We researched and implemented a brand new Mead Certification program.
- We went from a completely manual competition sanction and registration process, to one that is now almost completely electronic.
- We simplified payments for examinations with an online portal, and a 100% electronic payment system.
- We published a beer color identification tool, and sent free copies to all current members, and send a copy to all new members.
- We produced BJCP Name badges, and sent one to all current members, as well as to all new and newly promoted members.
- We made Siebel off-flavor tasting kits available free to approved BJCP Exam Prep courses, and at half-off to any BJCP member who requests one.

- We instituted the BJCP Reception at the AHA National Homebrew competition, and have since planned and funded it annually.
- We updated the BJCP Exam process by splitting it into three parts: an online qualification exam, a tasting exam, and an essay exam for achieving higher ranks.
- We have continued to expand the BJCP internationally, to countries such as Japan, Australia, Mexico, Brazil, England, and Croatia, to name a few.

Going forward, I would like to utilize my experience to continue to work with the BJCP to grow it in the following areas:

- Creation of a Cider Certification process and exam.
- Continued improvements on the exam grading process to speed up the delivery of results to examinees, and to increase the number of tasting and written examinations throughout the country.
- Continuing to explore new and better ways to be good stewards of BJCP funds.
- Listen to you, our members, for your suggestions how the BJCP can continue to serve your needs and the needs of beer judges worldwide.

Thanks for the privilege of allowing me to represent you in the BJCP these past nine years, and thanks in advance for your vote in the current election!

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