

My name is Bob Beckwith; D0269. I would like to serve the BJCP on the board of directors.

Beer and brewing has been a big part of my life for the past 25 years. I have been a home brewer for 20+ years, a BJCP judge since 1995 now holding a National ranking. It has been my pleasure to have taught a number of BJCP exam prep classes and administered and proctored exams. I have been the organizer for a number of competitions including the Eastern Idaho State Fair. I have also been the president of the High Desert Brewers Association.

The BJCP has made progress recently revising the certification process. The changes made are trending in the right direction allowing for greater inclusion in the ranks of judges. The on line technical information and study materials are better than ever. But more can be done.

As I see it, the most important part of judging is to accurately evaluate the beer for the benefit of the brewer. That requires knowing the components of beer, correct recognition of these and the ability to communicate this to the brewer. There are many talented palates in the activity who are more than capable of this but for some reason have difficulty attaining judge status because of certain knowledge requirements needed to score well on exams.

The BJCP should seek out the reasons these individuals are having problems with the exam process whether it is the knowledge requirements or the examination techniques. My experience in adult education will be of value in this process. I would like to be involved in furthering this revision to allow more talented beer evaluators access to judge certification and advancement in the rankings.

The BJCP has allowed me to meet so many fine people and make so many friends I feel obligated to give back in some way and service of the board would give me the opportunity.

Among my other beer related activities I have been on the judging panels of the Great American Beer Fest, the World Beer Cup, and the judge coordinator for the North American Beer Awards. I have written for a number of publications and won a Beer and Tankard Award. I am the secretary of the North American Brewers Association.

I have recently retired from 33 years at the Idaho National Laboratory working in reactor operations, chemistry and instruction.

Thank you for your consideration.

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