



I am pleased to have been nominated to represent BJCP judges from the Northeast region, which also includes most of our rapidly expanding international membership. I live in upstate New York and have been a resident of the Northeast region for 25 of the last 28 years. My work travel has also provided me with opportunities to proctor BJCP exams on five continents, and this helped me establish relationships with the brewing and judging communities overseas. According to the latest database report, there are nearly 600 BJCP judges residing outside of the US and Canada, and several hundred more will be taking the BJCP Beer Judging Exam this year. This means that at the end of 2016, there will be nearly twice as many judges in the Northeast region than there are in several domestic regions. One of my objectives as BJCP representative will be to work with the other board members to correct this imbalance by restructuring the geographical regions and possibly adding an international seat to the BJCP board.

I have been judging since 1992 and have been involved in the BJCP exam directorship almost continuously since 1995. My service to the BJCP also includes one term as the Northeast representative on the BJCP board. My key contributions to the BJCP have been through the exam directorate, where I have been instrumental in making BJCP membership possible for many, many new judges. My track record includes the following achievements:

- Leading the creation of the online entrance exam and working with the other exam directors and the BJCP board to create the three-tier exam structure, which has enabled us to administer the BJCP exam to many more judges than we could with the legacy exam
- Working with judges in South America to create Spanish and Portuguese versions of the online entrance exam and the Report to Participant form that provides feedback to judges based on their performance on the Beer Judging Exam

- Creating a flexible time version of the entrance exam for judges with disabilities and working with consultants and vision-impaired judges to develop a fillable form version of the scoresheet used in the Beer Judging Exam
- Supervising the translation the entrance exam questions into Chinese so that we can offer proctored entrance exams in China while we search for a host website that will enable us to convert the translated questions into an online exam
- Taking the initiative to act on feedback from our membership to create an Exam Scoresheet Guide that quantifies the key elements of a complete scoresheet and provides a rubric for exam graders

These innovations have all made the BJCP more accessible and have helped ensure that we can continue to grow into a global organization. I will continue to search for ways to improve the BJCP, and being elected to the board will enable me to have a more formal role in our interaction with the international brewing community. Please vote for me!