



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
- Former Vice-President of the Minnesota Home Brewers Association
- Grand Master V BJCP Beer Judge
- BJCP North Region Representative and Treasurer since 2004
- Co-Founder of the Minnesota Mash-Out (formerly Upper Mississippi Mash-Out)
- 2006 High Plains Homebrewer of the Year
- Exam Grader since 2004
- Editor of “The BJCP Exam for Dummies” exam prep document
- Question editor for online BJCP Beer Exam
- Judge at the Great American Beer Fest

Some of the initiatives that I have been involved with during the past twelve years:

- When I was elected as Treasurer in 2004, the BJCP literally had zero funds – the prior Treasurer had embezzled over \$64k in BJCP money. I worked with the Board and Directors to re-create the books from the prior four years, and we successfully prosecuted the former Treasurer, and put in place safeguards so that would never happen again.
- As Treasurer, I created the first budget that the BJCP had ever used, and I created and have maintained an accounting system to track and balance income and expenses.

- As BJCP coffers recovered, I put forward a motion to lower the price to sanction BJCP competitions, and to increase the percentage of the BJCP Examination Fees allocated back to the sponsoring entity.
- I proposed that we require competition payments be automated through the use of PayPal, and programmed the initial rollout of that process.
- In 2015 I put forward a motion to lower the competition sanction price further for BJCP members that has now been implemented.
- I have annually hosted Regional “Open Exams” for the Judging and Written exam that are open to all-comers. Most recently I have expanded this to open Mead exams as well.

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

- Continuing as Treasurer to explore new and better ways to be good stewards of BJCP funds, and to encourage the wise expenditure and reduction of the current \$100,000 reserves in the BJCP account for the betterment of its members.
- Continue to be an advocate of fair and standardized grading of the BJCP Written Exam – encouraging full marks for examinees who have fully answered the questions as written.
- 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 twelve years, and thanks in advance for your vote in the current election! Feel free to contact me if you have questions or suggestions!

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