



I'm excited to be a Regional Rep as I love to discuss brewing, judging, competitions, exams, etc. I look forward to the opportunity to provide support and suggestions as well as hear the various ideas and input the North Region BJCP judges have.

My professional career and brewing/BJCP history includes significant experience in virtually all phases of the BJCP. I've personally been involved in virtually all of the BJCP: brewing, judging, grading, education, organizing competitions, proctoring and administering exams. My Exam Director positions have also had me involved with board discussions at annual meetings and email communications so I am aware of current and future agendas.

I strongly support and am involved with the education aspect, for both graders and judges as this is a critical aspect of the BJCP in the advancement of existing judges. My philosophy on training judges is to improve evaluation skills and analyze beer primarily by quality, without being overly critical of style. Grader training should reflect this with a focus on consistency between graders, and improving grading efficiency.

I also support continued progress of the BJCP to reflect advances in the resources available to homebrewers. This effort will allow the BJCP to focus on the development of judge evaluation skills, the identification of beer / mead / cider flaws, and empower the brewer to research corrections on their own. I believe my project and change management experience will be a benefit to the organization through this transition.

Additionally, I look forward to the opportunity to represent Canada as the efforts put towards international growth is exciting and I look forward to being a part of that continued growth in Canada.

Background:

- Homebrewer since 1997
- Member of Beer Barons of Milwaukee, former treasurer for 2 years overseeing an annual budget during that time of approx. \$100,000.

- BJCP judges since 2008 with current rank of Grand Master III and Mead certification.
- Currently a BJCP Exam Director, previously an Associate Exam Director.
- Will be presenting at the National Homebrew Conference for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time in 2016. Led a grader training session at a BJCP event during an NHC and supported another NHC grader training by representing the exam director's evaluation of example grading results.
- Have been annual co-organizer and/or judging director for 6 different competitions that range in size from less than 100 to over 800 entries with several incorporating professional ramp-up awards and vary from allowing all BJCP styles to limited categories. Consistent focus is on providing highest quality results and feedback.
- Involved and lead Milwaukee area BJCP training sessions since 2010 giving 2 tasting exams per year to build local judging pool, and help judges advance in rank by creating a program that develops high level judges.
- Project Manager with MBA in Finance and Accounting. Have owned 3 businesses, including a small brewing company that contract brewed.