



The Northeast region is the largest and most diverse territory of the BJCP. This territory requires a committed and capable person who recognizes its challenges and opportunities. Through my involvement, personal experiences, and strong desire for organizational improvement, I believe I am the right person for this position.

- Certifications include: Master Beer Judge, Provisional Mead Judge, and Certified Cicerone. These certifications are an illustration of my commitment to the craft of judging. I am proud that I have scored in every exam scoring band, from Apprentice to Master, and believe myself a more empathetic and knowledgeable judge/grader as a result.
- Current President of a homebrew club, the Long Island Beer and Malt Enthusiasts, with over 800 registered members. My time involved with the club has allowed me to gain the necessary administrative experience it takes to run a large group. I have been published twice in Zymurgy for my efforts with the club, including, organizing a Pro-Am brewing program that garnered a gold medal at the Great American Beer Fest in 2015.
- An active lead grader for the BJCP, consistently completing my exams in a timely manner with constructive feedback.
- As a career educator, recognized the need for a scoring guide for the BJCP tasting exam and successfully petitioned the administration to create one.
- Created a resource for the CEP page to accompany the Siebel sensory kit.
- Through exams and classes, greatly expanded the amount of judges in the region. As an award winning mead maker and enthusiast, worked to successfully expand mead certifications in the Northeast
- With the CEP, helped orchestrate an exclusive BJCP event during NHC 2016 at Millstone Cellars.

#### **Goals as Northeast Representative includes:**

- **Growing the number of National and Master ranked judges in my region.** This could be achieved by increasing the educational opportunities within the organization, making an alternative path to master rank through experience and GMSR, and expanding the time for the written exam. I would also like to see GMSR credit linked to running CEP classes, encouraging some of our most talented judges to help train incoming ones.
- **Expanding education will be a cornerstone of my time in office.** This would include hosting webinars, including more multimedia with exam training resources, and a scoresheet analysis panel in each newsletter. As a career educator, I have experience creating scoring guides and rubrics. I would

apply those skills in helping with the necessary revision of the scoring guide for the tasting exam and creating grader training for all the other exams currently lacking in grading standardization.

- **Utilize the membership more in the decision and policy making process.** Encourage the board to formalize a process for member proposals, and begin voter referendums on certain BJCP policy changes.
- Co-ordinate more social BJCP events in our area/work with vendors for membership benefits.

I am experienced and motivated enough to implement these initiatives but offer a fresh enough perspective to recognize what can be improved within the organization.