

January 27, 2014 - Mark Carroll

2014 LPBC Board Member Application

INSTRUCTIONS:

Please complete this application using Microsoft Word. Applications must be filed with the LPBC Secretary no less than 30 days prior to the annual meeting. As the annual meeting will be held on February 26, 2014, any applications received after January 27, 2014 will not be considered. Applications are to be submitted to secretary@lpbc.net unless other arrangements are made in advance. You will receive a message from the Secretary confirming receipt of your completed application.

Keep in mind that all information submitted on this application will be made available to the voting associates of LPBC.

BASIC INFORMATION:

1. Your name: MARK CARROLL

2. What year did you first join LPBC? 1994

3. Are you part of an individual or family association with LPBC? INDIVIDUAL

4. If family, what is the name the association is listed under? NA

5. Since joining, has your association with LPBC been continuous?

There have been gaps in my membership during times when I moved away from Chicago and during times of financial hardship.

6. If no, how long has your current association with LPBC been active?

1 year with a 2 year gap ahead of 3 years continuous after I moved back to Chicago from Connecticut in 2009.

7. Do you identify yourself as a paddler, rower, or both? rower

8. If both, which activity do you predominantly participate in? NA

POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST INFORMATION:

Individuals running for a position on the LPBC Board of Directors must be free of conflicts of interest that would adversely impact governance of the organization.

1. Where are you currently employed?

The Chicago Composite Initiative, which is a composite materials incubator/accelerator as well as a custom carbon fiber fabrication shop.

2. Briefly describe your position and the nature of your employer's business.

I am the managing director of the Chicago Composite Initiative. I work with businesses who want to produce carbon fiber products that are made in the United States. We mainly produce carbon fiber automotive aftermarket parts for the exotic car industry. We also run a job training program where we teach Chicagoans the skills they need to enter into the composite materials and advanced manufacturing industries. The company's main goal is to create sustainable manufacturing jobs within the City of Chicago (reshoring) by utilizing any new advanced manufacturing techniques that come to market. CCI is located at 1750 W. Lake Street in Chicago.

3. Are you currently on a Board of Directors for any other organization? No

If yes, please provide the name of the organization, your position in that organization, and

the nature of business for that organization.

NA

4. Are you a member of any other rowing or paddling organization(s)? No

If yes, please provide the name of the organization(s).

NA

5. Are you currently employed by another rowing or paddling organization? No

If yes, please indicate who and describe your position and the nature of work you perform for that organization(s).

NA

BOARD APPLICATION INFORMATION:

Board positions are elected one at a time and candidates may choose to apply for more than one position, however, they may only hold one position on the board during any given term. Board positions are elected in the following order; 1) President; 2) Vice President; 3) Treasurer; 4) Secretary; 5) Paddling Director; 6) Rowing Director; 7) Association Director (formerly Membership Director); 8) Communications Director; 9) Facilities Director.

1. What board position(s) are you applying for (list no more than 3)?

9) Facilities Director

Please answer the following questions for the position(s) you are applying for.

2. Why do you want to be on the LPBC Board of Directors? Are there any specific goals you would like to accomplish?

I first started rowing at LPBC when I was a freshman in high school. The club played a major roll in my development as a rower and as a person. I feel obligated to utilize my extensive rowing background to help improve the LPBC facilities and to ensure that rowing and paddling stay at the lagoon for many generations to come.

If elected facilities director, I would like to establish a number of goals for the club and a facilities committee to tackle. The first would be to develop a long-term strategy to address outstanding infrastructure issues that plague the club. This would include the establishment of a separate fund dedicated to major improvements at the club. (painted walls, new doors, new awnings, rear section landscaping, updated bathrooms, etc.)

As facilities director, I would also work to address large-scale issues like lagoon depth and poor wall infrastructure. If elected, I would work with local government and appropriate planning organizations to advocate the priorities of LPBC at the lagoon, like seeking to dredge the lagoon to a uniform depth and to straighten and realign the walls of the lagoon. It's a body of water made for head to head racing; we should focus our attention toward reviving the lagoon and making it useful again.

One way to address these proposed improvements would be to work with the North Lake Shore Drive project that is being coordinated by the Illinois Department of Transportation. They are planning a full redevelopment of the north part of Lake Shore Drive, and the club needs to make sure its priorities are addressed alongside any roadway redevelopments.

For the last two years, I have been a member of the Millennium Reserve Initiative's Recreation and Trails work group and the Millennium Reserve Blue Trails (Water Trails) task-force, where I would advocate for the sport of rowing. These groups address issues related to expanding river access for local Chicagoland communities and the development of new recreational trails, both on water and off.

During this time, I have worked with representatives from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, the Calumet Stewardship Initiative, the Friends of the Parks, the Friends of the Chicago River, the Chicago Park District, the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, the Department of the Interior, and the Army Corps of Engineers. Because of these established relationships, I feel I would be well positioned to advance LPBC's goal of repairing and improving the lagoon. This is the type of thing our groups work on and I would be able to rapidly advance the club's goals of an improved lagoon with the goal of securing the needed funding and permission to accomplish what the club needs.

Also as facilities director, I would work to secure readily available grant money through programs like the IDNR's Coastal Management Program and existing funding from the federal government for the maintenance and improvement of waterways that are connected to Lake Michigan. If elected, I will commit to directing as much public funding

toward LPBC as possible.

3. Have you ever served on the Board of Directors for LPBC before? Yes

If yes please provide the position(s) and year(s) on the board.

rowing director for 2010 season and 1/2 of the 2011 season.

Did you complete your term on the LPBC Board of Directors? No

If not, why?

I was unfairly forced out of the board because of opposing views on what should be the priorities of the club.

4. Do you have any past or present leadership experience you feel is relevant?

I am a significantly accomplished rowing boatman and have a great deal of experience in the roll of a facilities manager. As well as being the boatman for a number of rowing programs in the past, I worked at WinTech Racing for three years, where I maintained a fleet of 4 trucks, 6 trailers, 3 motor boats, and over 100 rowing boats. I have a significant amount of experience running a boathouse and a warehouse. I have specific, hands on knowledge that allows me to properly address any possible issue that could come up for the facilities director.

I worked heavily with the previous house director during my time as a general member of the club and as the rowing director at the club. During that time I coordinated the sale of paddling boats, coordinated the repair of fleet boats with vendors, and transported club boats to winter storage. I also helped maintain the facilities on a number of large projects, including the disposal of the old wooden dock and installation of the new dock, a number of large scale buckthorn/invasive species cutting sessions, assisting in a number of clean-up projects, and general maintenance on the fleet and facilities. I also have a very good working relationship with peer organizations like Kayak Chicago and virtually every rowing program in Chicago.

I also served as boatman for Row4Row/Recovery on Water and helped coordinate logistics and maintenance before and during the journey. That experience taught me a lot about identifying problems and working diligently to address those issues timely and properly. Examples of this would be the identification, installation, and implementation of new electronics into the expedition watercraft as well as identifying and addressing any outstanding repairs that were needed on the vessel.

5. What makes you the best candidate for the position(s) you are applying for? Include any special skills, qualifications, traits or talents you feel are relevant.

The facilities director is essentially what is commonly known as a club boatman. I feel I am the best qualified boatman in Chicago today. I know the LPBC boathouse extremely well and I am fully qualified to address any possible issue that the club will have to face. I have the specific knowledge and the hands on experience that this club needs in the facilities director position.

Along with 20+ years of rowing and 15+ years of coaching rowing, I have a Level III coaching certification from USRowing, I am certified by Klinger Engineering as a rowing boat repair technician, I have a safe boating license from Connecticut, and I have a Concept 2 instructor certification pending.

6. Each board position holds individual responsibilities to the organization but decisions are made as a team. Please describe how you feel working in a team atmosphere and how you handle working with others who may disagree with your opinions.

I thrive when working in an open and equal organization, one that is transparent and one that puts the priorities of the club ahead of personal issues. I love working as a team of equals and I always want to hear the open and honest input of other individuals, whether they agree with me or not.

7. As a 501(c)(3) organization, part of LPBC's mission is to serve the community. Please provide any thoughts and ideas on how to further this mission.

As a member of the board, I would make sure that the mission of the 501(c)(3) would be carried out. This transition should not have anything to do with saving on taxes, rather it should be to advance community outreach programs like adaptive.

I worked for a number of years at the Judd Goldman Adaptive Sailing Program where I worked with disabled athletes. I saw the amazing successes that Goldman had accomplished in the lives of the participants and I want to replicate those successes with the help of the membership and the board members. I want to see LPBC as an active adaptive club in the US with LPBC members eventually competing in the Paralympics for the United States.

8. Please provide any additional information you feel is important.

I have been involved with LPBC in one way or another since I was 15 years old. Twenty years of rowing have passed since then. I now have an opportunity as facilities director to work to secure the club through the establishment of a long term plan which includes improving the facilities and working to repair and straighten the lagoon.

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