

LBC 2017 Officer's Election

On January 21, preceding the LBC's Annual Meeting at Big Spring Country Club, members in good standing will have the opportunity to select new club officers for 2017. **Voting will begin at 6 pm and close at 7:30 pm** before the annual meeting.

As stated in the by-laws, absentee voting is available:

"...members in good-standing who are unable to attend the Annual Meeting on account of personal illness, injury or because they will be out of town at the time the meeting is held, can submit an absentee ballot for candidates for club officers and on any issue that members have been informed by the club newsletter will be voted on, provided that the member has advised the Secretary of his/her absence for one of the above reasons by no later than noon of the day preceding the Annual Meeting as evidenced by email to secretary@louisvillebicycleclub.org. The member shall in the same email submit his/her voting preferences. The Secretary shall advise the full Executive Committee of the member's request. and, provided that the Executive Committee has not by majority vote rejected the request based on evidence that the request was not supported by the facts, forward the ballot, together with a statement regarding the time and date of receipt, to the chair of the Nominating Committee, who shall take steps to ensure that the ballot is counted along with in-person ballots cast by attendees at the Annual Meeting. The member shall be advised of the Executive Committee's rejection by no later than noon of the day of the Annual Meeting. "

Candidate statements are listed below. Pictures of candidates that are not currently officers of the LBC are included. Please take time to review these statements so you can make informed selections when voting.

Thank you.

Amelia L. Dauer

Nominating Committee Chair

2017 Officer Candidate Statements

President

Andy Murphy:

Since first being elected President of the Louisville Bicycle Club in 2010, I have been blessed to work with many fine people on the LBC Executive Committee. I want to thank all past and present ExComm members for their support and hard work. We have strived for continuous improvement in every aspect of the clubs operations. I would like to continue to be a part of this improvement and humbly ask for your support as I seek the 2017 Louisville Bicycle Club Presidency.

Thank you for your consideration.

VP-Touring

H. Michael Crawford:



By copy of this letter I am expressing my interest in being considered for the position of VP of Touring for 2017.

Because of the Louisville Bicycle Club I have had the opportunity to learn and grow as a “road” cyclist. Louisville is fortunate to have a “bicycle club” with a reputation for making bicycling an important part of our growing and vibrant community. I believe I possess a combination of management and interpersonal skills to plan and execute club rides that will reflect both the aspirations and the abilities of our club members. More importantly I believe it is important to get input from the “club membership” to build upon our long history of providing diverse rides. I believe this support can best be accomplished by a small but focused “touring committee”. Here are just a few questions that I believe are worth exploring by the “touring” part of the the Louisville Bicycle Club:

Are there any new and different “ride” opportunities for cyclists of all types?

Are there any partnering opportunities with other bicycle clubs or related organizations to grow, encourage, and inspire our club members; and also promote the growth of cycling in our community?

How can the “touring” part of the LBC better promote, expand, diversify, and support not only the “rides” program but also the diversity and numbers who may participate in club rides?

How can we recruit and support increasing the LBC members to volunteer as ride captains?

How can “touring” partner with the IT part of the LBC to simplify and enhance ride(r) statistics?

Thanks to the LBC membership for considering me to be the next VP of Touring.

Dirk Gowin:



I seek your consideration as the VP of Touring. A few years ago, I stepped up as ride captain for the Tuesday ride from Burdorf's. This had been a long standing ride for the Club and I wanted to see it continued. I made a lot of friends in the Club and have truly enjoyed seeing this ride continued. After this ride was eliminated, I continued with a Tuesday ride starting from the Water Tower. This ride has been well accepted, and I made a commitment to encourage new riders. Some came over from the original ride, and a few new riders have joined this ride. I had one young lady (relative term) say she greatly appreciated knowing that I wouldn't drop her.

As a Club, we need to offer rides to meet varied skill levels and encourage more members to remember the joy of being on a bike. To me, it's not so much about sucking someone's wheel, but getting into rhythm with my bike and rolling along enjoying the world around me. Hemingway said it well, "It is by riding a bicycle that you learn the contours of a country best, since you have to sweat up the hills and coast down them."

I joined the Club shortly after moving here in 1999. The number of rides we offer is impressive and I wish to continue to offer rides for a variety of cyclists and abilities. I will work to recruit captains and reinstitute training of captains, explore ways to make the ride scheduler more user friendly, improve tracking of Club miles, and reinvigorate the Touring Committee. As a League Certified Instructor with LAB, and involved in bicycle and pedestrian safety with Louisville Metro, safety is and will be priority one.

If you give me a chance, I hope to strengthen our Club and encourage new riders to experience the joy of riding a bike. Give me a call at [502.619.1499](tel:502.619.1499) if you have questions or concerns. Thank you for your consideration.

VP-Racing

Kevin Williams:

I'm Kevin Williams the current VP of racing and Director of Team Louisville. The team had a very successful 2016 season thanks to our Juniors team. I look to continue that success in 2017.

VP-Communications

David " PaCkMaN" Ryan :

I'm in for an 11th year. Unless somebody gets more votes.

PaCkMaN, VPC

"Making Bicycling Great Again"

"Hope and Chains"

"I Like BIKE"

"He Kept Us Out of Cars"

"PaCkMaN's the One!"

Susan Wentzel:

I'm writing to express my interest in running for VP of Communications for the Louisville Bicycle Club.

I've been a member since completing a bike handling class in 2013. I've really enjoyed participating on club rides, and have been looking for a way to be more involved. This may be my niche, since some of my previous professional and volunteer experiences include managing website and social media content, sending mass emails, and using a variety of communication related software applications.



If elected, I envision working with other members of the Executive Committee, and the club in general, to not only continue the communications that are currently in place, but to look for ways to reach beyond our current membership base to include more types of riders. I would also favor an evaluation of the many different modes of communication we have available, to make sure we are current with what our members, and those we'd like to reach in the community are using.

I look forward to another season of riding, and becoming more involved with the club in 2017!

Thank you,

VP-Advocacy

Doug Brent:

I would be honored to continue to serve as the club's V.P. of Advocacy for 2017. Advocacy for our club means several things. First, it involves promotion of the club itself as a fun and inclusive community for adult recreational cyclists of all abilities. Promotion includes outreach to other area cycling clubs to increase visibility of all types of cycling events in the community. My efforts in this area have included growing our social media presence on the two Facebook pages (LBC and OKHT) the club manages. Timely and topical updates are the goal for each.

Next, it involves appropriate interaction with local government on issues like cycling infrastructure and cycling as an economic driver. During the past three years our efforts have included interaction with Metro Council and the Mayor on budget and other cycling issues. Finally, it includes state government affairs, including legislative monitoring and communication with our representatives. In 2017 for example, we will see safe passing legislation in the Kentucky House and Senate. These bills had bi-partisan support in 2016 and several Kentucky clubs supported the bills. Advocacy also includes developing relationships with the Kentucky Department of Transportation. Governor Steve Beshear appointed me to the Kentucky Bicycle and Bikeways Commission in 2015, which advised KYDOT on cycling issues. My term expired in October, but if I am re-appointed by Governor Bevin I will continue to serve as a Commissioner.

As a club officer I am interested in hearing from all my cycling friends with ideas on how to grow our club through effective advocacy.

VP-Education

David Wittry:

I am declaring my intention to run for the office of VP of Education. I would like to continue to teach new riders how to ride correctly and safely. This coming year I intend to emphasize empowering some of the graduates to become ride captains to help fill the need for more beginner/slower rides.

Thank you.

Secretary

Bekki Livingston:

I have now completed two years as club secretary and will continue if elected. I continue to learn more about the club each year. We moved to Kentucky in 2013 and I've enjoyed all the rides the club has offered over these few years. I appreciate all of you who volunteer for the club and encourage you to consider a position on the board in the future.

Treasurer

Diane Bellafronto:



I would like to be considered as a candidate for Treasurer of the Louisville Bicycle Club. I have been a member of the club for several years but most recently, for the last four years, have been traveling around the country with long term work assignments. To continue biking while away from home, I purchased a second bike and all the assorted gear to allow me to enjoy cycling wherever I was. But I found no other community of cyclists like our club here in Louisville! Louisville is truly fortunate to have such an asset as the LBC.

Starting with a Bike Handling Class and then, with the support and encouragement of veteran club members, I went on to complete several centuries and to participate in the Ride Across Indiana (RAIN). Without this wonderful group, I would not have acquired the skills to achieve these accomplishments.

Serving as the club treasurer, allows me the opportunity to give back my time and energy to our fine organization. My qualifications include a Master's degree in Business Administration with training in accounting, computer skills and spreadsheet experience, many years of leadership roles in hospital administration and officer positions in several community organizations.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the Louisville Bicycle Club.