

2018 LBC Executive Committee Candidate Statements

President - Andy Murphy

Another year has passed and I feel we continue making progress in our communities. I am honored to be a part of this progress and humbly ask for your support to continue as President of the Louisville Bicycle Club. Thank you for your consideration.

Secretary - Bekki Livingston

I have completed three years as club secretary (2015-17). The secretary takes the minutes at meetings, makes sure the bylaws are followed, maintains club membership and coordinates volunteers. I appreciate all the volunteer hours from so many of you that go into running and maintaining such a diverse and successful club. I would be glad to serve for another year.

Treasurer - Diane Bellafronto

I would like to be again considered for the position of Treasurer of our Louisville Bicycle Club. This past year has required a lot of learning on my part of the various programs used by this position: PayPal, Quicken, Quick Books. But it has been a fun process and provided me with a sense of accomplishment, so thank you LBC!

Additionally, I have had the opportunity to be very involved with the production of the Old Kentucky Home Tour: another good learning experience and lots of hard work with many great folks.

But throughout the year, what has been most impressive is the dedication, good spirit and hard work of the Club Executive Team and of the many other volunteers that make this club so special. We are indeed fortunate to have all of you working on behalf of the great sport of cycling and good fellowship.

Please allow me to serve the Club another term. It is my honor to work for you with this team of cyclists. Thank you.

VP Education - David Wittry

I would like to put my name up for nomination as VP of Education. I have already been thinking about how to improve the program for the coming year and would like the opportunity to follow through.

VP Racing - Kevin Williams

I'm looking to stay on as VP Racing and Director of Team Louisville. I look to keep building on the relationship with the LBC and the racing team.

VP Communication - Susan Wentzel

After one year as Communications VP, I feel I'm just getting a good idea of what the club needs in this area. I'm happy to continue for another year, in hopes of seeing some things that have been discussed come to fruition. I'm also willing to offer support, should someone else run and win the election.

VP Advocacy - Doug Brent

I would be honored to continue to serve as the club's V.P. of Advocacy for 2018.

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. I have often been asked to appear as a representative of LBC at public events and press conferences to promote cycling activities sponsored by the City.

Finally, it includes state government affairs, including legislative monitoring and communication with our representatives. In 2018 for example, we will see safe passing legislation in the Kentucky General Assembly, as Representative Jerry Miller has prefiled legislation that seems likely to be called in Committee. Similar bills, though unsuccessful, had bi-partisan support in 2016 and 2017 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. In 2017 I was re-appointed by Governor Bevin. I took the lead on scheduling the KBBC's Fall Symposium, which was held at the Parklands in October and featured speakers from various clubs, including LBC.

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 Touring - Mike Crawford

Going into my role as a first time VP of Touring this year I thought I had a reasonable understanding of our “Touring” strengths and challenges. After doing the job this past riding season I believe I better appreciate both the diversity of riders and the nuances about what makes the LBC a special bicycle club for its members and our community. I believe I also have a better appreciation for members who volunteer to lead rides—regardless of distance and difficulty.

It has been a privilege and a pleasure to work with both the Executive Committee and a proactive and dedicated Touring Committee on the following goals:

1. Initiate actions to encourage, promote, and support increasing the variety of club rides. STATUS: Progress made with more work to be done on this goal.
2. Execute a Survey of Club Members to ask for and listen to their feedback about how the LBC is doing and what could be done better or differently. STATUS: Completed
3. Review the Touring Program Awards for total accumulated club mileage and make recommendations to expand the awards. STATUS: Complete. The Touring Committee made recommendations to the Executive Committee in October. This information will be announced in January.
4. Revise the existing Ride Captain Guidelines. STATUS: Completed.
5. Increase the ways that Ride Captains can communicate changes to club members about club rides. STATUS: Partially completed. Another communication tool for Ride Captains was approved by the Executive Committee and will be announced in January. The additional tool will be available at the beginning of the next riding season. The electronic newsletter is being used to better communicate with our members about ride events and activities.
6. Implement a program to recruit, train, and mentor new Ride Captains.

STATUS: Progress made with more work to be done. A training session for new, prospective ride captains was held in October. Another session will be held in January 2018.

If I am fortunate enough to be elected to serve as your Touring VP for a second year I will continue to work effectively with the Touring Committee, the Executive Committee, and each of you to finish some of the work we started. Thank you for your support.