

Hello IGBO Members,

I would like to begin by introducing myself. Bowling has been a central part of my life from an early age—I grew up in the sport and even started my first job in a bowling center, which helped build my foundation and passion for the industry.

For the past 12 years, I have proudly served on the Southern Nevada USBC Board of Directors, including the last two years as Vice President. These experiences have allowed me to develop strong leadership skills, a deep understanding of association operations, and a commitment to supporting and growing the bowling community.

Bowling is not just something I do—it is my passion. Equally important to me is seeing others enjoy and thrive in the sport. Over the past four years, I have expanded my involvement with IGBO by serving as the league representative for our Wednesday LGBT league in Las Vegas and as Co-Director of IGBO Annual 2025.

So, what makes me your candidate of choice for Director at Large?

At the heart of my candidacy is connection. IGBO is built on its members—both Lifetime and Associate—and I believe it is essential to actively engage with as many of you as possible. My goal is to listen, learn, and communicate openly. Town hall meetings are a great starting point, and while two per year is a solid foundation, I am committed to going beyond that to ensure more opportunities for meaningful dialogue.

I want to hear directly from our members—just as I do with bowlers in Southern Nevada. Honest feedback, active listening, and consistent follow-through are critical to building trust and ensuring that every voice is heard. Our Lifetime Members, in particular, have laid the foundation for IGBO's success, and it is vital that we continue to recognize their contributions and ensure they remain an integral part of our future.

In addition, I strongly believe that leadership requires visibility and presence. While the Director at Large role may occasionally support Regional Directors, I feel it is important to go further—by attending tournaments across all regions. My goal is to participate in at least one tournament in each region annually, creating opportunities to connect with members face-to-face and better understand their experiences.

Above all, I am committed to supporting our tournaments and the bowlers who participate in them. When challenges arise, I believe in addressing them constructively and collaboratively. Maintaining a positive and solutions-focused environment is essential, as disruptions can impact the overall experience for everyone involved. We all share a responsibility to work together to ensure IGBO remains a welcoming, supportive, and community-driven organization.

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Personal Summary

Dedicated bowling professional with a strong passion for growing the sport within the LGBTQ+ community. Committed to fostering an inclusive, welcoming environment while promoting participation through leagues, events, and outreach initiatives. Proud supporter of the International Gay Bowling Organization (IGBO) and my goal to create opportunities for all individuals to engage in the sport of bowling while making lasting friendships.

Experience**IGBO Representative**

Let's Go Bowling Together – 2022 to Present

- Advocate for LGBTQ+ inclusion in bowling through IGBO-affiliated programs
- Promote events, increase participation, and strengthen community outreach

Tournament Director

E.L.V.I.S. IGBO Tournament – 2022 to Present

- Plan and execute tournament logistics including scheduling, registration, and operations
- Coordinate volunteers, staff, and participants for successful event delivery

Co-Director

2025 Las Vegas IGBO Annual Tournament

- Assisted in organizing a large-scale annual tournament event
- Supported logistics, coordination, and participant experience

Vice President

Southern Nevada USBC – 2024 to Present

- Provide executive leadership and strategic direction for local bowling initiatives
- Support league development and community engagement programs
- Collaborate with board members to grow participation and membership

Board of Directors

Southern Nevada USBC 2014 - 2024

- Contributed to governance, planning, and promotion of regional bowling activities
- Supported tournament development and youth programs